

Record Group 104. Entry 1.

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792-1899.

RG 104 RECORDS OF THE
BUREAU OF THE MINT
U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,
1792 - 1899

1858: MAY To JUL.

BOX NO.

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/MAY

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 28 1858

Sir

I have this day forwarded Eleven
boxes Silver buttons, of the net value of
\$ 26 917. 37

Contains Gold, net value \$ 4. 83

I will thank you to remit in half dollars,
\$ 26 917. 37. in new cents \$ 200. and in gold
\$ 4. 83

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. C. B. Co

Treasurer

D. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint

92-20

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26,717.37
4.83

26,722.20
200

26,922.20

From

John J. Cisco
New York

May 28th 1858

No. 197 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
Eleven " " 22133.89 Oz Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 26,922.20
Twenty Six Thousand, Nine hundred
& Twenty Two

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 185

Adams Express Co. J. Parker

Post office

Hudson River

May 31st 1888

PM -

Philadelphia -

Will you please
say on what terms I could
exchange some \$30 of Spanish
coin at the Mint for payable
in American coin -

Please give me the rules upon
which coin (old) is received
and why

Respectfully Yours

J. R. Frost
PM

MAY-31-1858

To The Sec Treasury

Report of monthly
examination. -

Monthly report and
also statement coins
& Bullion - Sent. -

May 31. 1838. -

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$$\begin{array}{r} 33- \\ 38 \\ \hline 83- \\ \hline 42 \end{array}$$

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Wed 31 1222

James & Co. 1222
Wed 31 1222

James & Co. 1222

May 31. 8.

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business today exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz:

in Gold Coins \$ 64,613.00

Silver coins 284,131.90

Cents 2.96

Ordinary Fund 32,073.71

Repair Fund 24.59

San Francisco Rolling Fund 18.66

Total \$380,864.92

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

The balance in the hands of the asst. Treasurer of the U. States at the same time was found to be \$536,071.40, in gold and

silver coins, agreeing with the account
books in his office.

An examination into the condition
of the Mint generally gave satisfactory
evidence that the business of the institution
is conducted with fidelity and care
and a proper attention alike to the interests
of the government and the public.

I have the honor to be
~~very~~ ~~your~~ ~~very~~ ~~much~~ ~~respect~~

Your faithful servant,

James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Assay Office of Harris & Marchand & Co.,

Marysville, May 31st 1858.

To the Superintendent
U. S. Mint Philadelphia.
Sir:

We beg of You to examine the enclosed memorandum from the U. S. Assay Office New York and if possible to see to remedy the loss there has been claimed and paid by us.

We know that it is difficult to remelt large lots of Bars and after careful stirring, recast them into one bar weighing the same as before the operation commenced, but the grains and clippings ought to be added to the total amount and paid the depositor separate when he receives the bar reassayed.

Our assays have always proved correct both in the States and Europe and as we give a liberal allowance in weight and assay, we do not wish to pay for the deficiency created by the N. York Assay Office.

By giving this matter a consideration
You will much oblige

Yours obt. servts

Harris & Marchand

Philad. May 29th 1858.

To Col. J. R. Snowden,

Dear Sir, I have been request-
ed by Mr. Rick McDonald to certify as to his
sickness, and having prescribed for him, I can
readily do so, by stating that his disease is inflame-
ation of the Throat, occasioned ^{by a severe} cold, and
causing general debility and loss of appetite
which renders him unfit for manual labor.
Yours truly, &c.

J. M. Hugh, M.D.

From
D J M Pugh
Phie^a

Certificates as to
Lickness of M. Donnell
a member of the
Mist.

May 31, 1832

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 29. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$50000. in Gold Coins, in payment for balance
due on invoice N^o 1944.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm J Cisco
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York

May 29 1858

MAY-28-1858

From To

Mr Silas Davis

New York

(Referred to Director
by Sec Treasury. -)

Comage of new
cent & -

May 31. 1835 -

Dr Sir

New York May 25/58

If you will permit so humble an individual as I am to address you on what may appear to you so trivial a subject. I would like to call your attention to the superabundance of cent pieces in circulation. They are so plenty that they are at a considerable discount, and are forced off upon a class of people that are least able to bear the loss.

Now I would not undertake to regulate the currency, but I would suggest that no more cents be coined at present, except in the redemption of old ones. Also, that Government adopt some method of redemption, at as little expence as possible, say in lots of fifty or one hundred dollar, thus easily ascertaining when the supply exceeded the demand, the places of redemption to be located in a few of the larger cities

Yours

To Hon. Howell Cobb

Truly

Thos Davis

186 South St

Refused to Director of the
Mint

C. Rodman

CC

To Dept
May 27/38

D 145 May 26/38

May 31. 8.

Sir

The Treasury Department has
received your letter of the 25th inst to me
for reply.

We have made great efforts to supply
the demand for the new cent but have not
been able to keep up with it. Hence it
may be inferred that a large Coinage of
that coin will become necessary. This
is indeed very certain from the fact that
the 6th section of the act of Feb. 21, 1867 requiring
the paying out of the new cent in exchange
for the Spanish and Mexican fractions of a
dollar, and for the former Copper Coins issued
by the Mint. It is true that the former
is only required to be done for two
years from the date of the law, but the
latter is unlimited as to time. The
new issues have been confined to these

two objects, namely, the withdrawal from
Circulation of the fraction of the dollar
before mentioned, and of the old
Copper cents, halfpence &c.

You may have some idea of the
amount of business before us
and of the extent of a cent
circulation when I inform

you that about eighteen
hundred tons of Copper cents
have been coined; and it is
probable that we will be
required to redeem one fourth
of that large amount, hence
all the small Spanish and
Mexican coins which may
be offered between the act and
the 21st of February 1859.

I am very respectfully
Yours obt. servant,

W. A. Davis
No 186 South Street,
New York.

James K. Fowler
Director of the Mint

New York
Waverly, May 27. 1858

Dear Sir we would
like to have some information in relation
to old Spanish Coin we are receiving
quite a quantity and would like to
send it to be exchanged for other
Coin say new Pennies 3, 5, 10, & 25^c -
will you be so obliging ~~to~~ as to inform
us by return mail how you receive them
and what a fair exchange lot is worth
by so doing you will confer a favor
and we will send some to you
immediately

Yours &c
Ernest Vandagen

May 27. - answered
by send circulars -
N.R.L.

To
Saml & Handuger

Harley
N.Y.

Exchange Smith
Corn

May 27, 1836

Treasury Department
May 29. 1858.

Sir

I enclose a transfer draft
on the Treasurer of the Mint in favor of
the Depositary at Pittsburg for \$4000 - payable
in Silver Coins - Halves & Quarters - principally.

Be pleased to send the amount by Adams
Express Co. -

I am very Resp^{le}.
Howell Cobb,
Sec of the Treasury.

Saml. Sturgeon Esq
Sr. of the Mint
Philad^a.

From
Houell Cobb
Secy Treasury
Washington
May 27 1858

May the 26.th 1858

Respected Sir

You have requested information of the watchmen concerning the glass broken in the front door. I have to inform you, that this morning at 6 o'clock there was no glass broken in the door. There is positive proof as to the fact. James McAllister & Henry Bartle is sure all was right when the President James Pierie is very positive when he left at 7 O'c.^l that no glass was broken in the door.

To L. R. Snowden Esqr
Director

Yours &c

Abner Brummer

To
Hon J. H. Snowden
from Wm. B. Sumner

May 26 / 1858
Col. Snowden

MAY-26-1858



Print of the United States,
Philadelphia,

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To

C. H. Haswell Esq
New York.

Most Valuable of
Foreign Coins &c
Refer to my last
Annual Report

May 26. 1838

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia? May 26. 1858.

Dear Sir,

I incline to the opinion
that you will find much, if not
all, the information you ask for in
your letter of the 24th inst, in my
last report on the operations
of the Mint. This report is printed
in the Report of the Sec. of the Treasury
on his finances for 1856-7. I may
suppose you to have 50 and over.
If, after examining that report, there
are any points to which you
wish to call my attention, and
wish an explanation, or further
information I will be glad to
give it to you.

Very Respectfully,

C. H. Haswell Esq
New York.

James R. Henderson
Director of the Mint.

Office of Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

St. Louis, Mo., May 26 1858.

Am: ~~Paul~~ ~~Sungem~~ ~~Esq~~
Asst. Treas. U.S.
Philadelphia

Sir

The Five Hundred
thousand dollars which you advised this
office you had sent to it by the Adams
Express Company in your letter of the 19th Inst.
has been received and found to be correct

Very Respectly
Your Obedt Servt.

Geo. H. Sungem
Asst. Treas. U.S.
St. Louis
Mo

From

J H Sturgeon

Asst Treasurer U.S.

Saint Louis

May 26th 1858

House of Representatives

Washington May 25th 1858

James Ross Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint &
Dear Sir

Your letter of the 15th communi-
-cating the value of the silver Dollar &
of half Dollar & Pranks was duly
received & entirely satisfactory.

May I ask that you will be
me the favor to inform me the true
value of the gold Dollar as compe-
-red with the silver Dollar & half

Very Respy
Yours Vt &c
James B Clay

To
Hon^{ble} James B. Play
H. R.
Washington City

Value of the gold
dollar as compared
with the silver dollar

May 27, 1838.

May 27th 8.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 25th inst, in which you ~~inquire~~, make the following inquiry, "What is the true value of the gold dollar as compared with the silver dollar." To which I reply that the whole silver dollar compared with the gold dollar, on the basis of intrinsic or commercial, (not legal) value, may be stated to be 105.27 cents. This value is predicated upon the present mint price for silver; namely 122.5 cents per ounce of standard fineness. In other words, at this rate per ounce, the amount of silver contained in a whole dollar is worth 105.27 cents.

If your inquiry relates to the legal value, which is the true value, then my answer is, that the gold and silver dollar are the same. And I ^{may} add that in that

since two silver half dollars are equal
to a gold dollar in limited payments.

I am, with great respect,
Yours ob^l servant.

James Ross Chambers
Director of the Mint.

Hon James B. Clay
House of Representatives.
Washington City.

STATE OF NEW YORK.

(Regents of the University)

(Secretary's Office)

Albany, May 25 1858

Dear Sir,

Have you records at the Mint or elsewhere which will furnish me with the amounts of copper & silver coined in 1792 and 1793 & 1794 respectively - especially with the amount of coin of each metal?

Respectfully Yours
Geo. H. Hickox

Col. J. Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Phila.

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Tom L
John A Hixcox Esq
Albany
N.Y.

Comase 1792, 93
+ 94

June 4, 1838. —

June 4, 8.

Dear Sir,

I received in due time
your letter of the 25th ult^o and
caused an examination to be
made of the papers on file in
this office relating to the operations
of the Mint during the years 1793,
1794 and 1795, with a view
to present the information
desired by you, but I regret
to say that they do not show
the amount of the coinage
during each of the years

referred to. ~~They do not show the~~

~~amount of the coinage~~

Very respectfully,

J. R. Anderson.

Wm. H. Stickney,

Albany,

Director of the Mint.

New York

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

May 25th 1858.

Sir

I am in receipt of \$49,733 ⁹³/₁₀₀ in Silver Coins, in payment for invoice N^o 195.

As per receipt and invoice enclosed, I have this day forwarded by The Adams Express Company, two boxes Gold bullion, weighing 5389.65 ounces, net value \$109,859.17 for which I will thank you to return double eagles, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

J. Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Case
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco,

New York

May 25/58

No. 196

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Two Box containing 5389.65 ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 109859.17

One hundred & Nine thousand, Eight
hundred & fifty nine ¹⁷/₁₀₀ Dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 25 1858

Adams & Co. J. Parker

Findlay, Anne & Co. Ohio
May 24th. 1858.

— Snowden, Esq.
Treas. U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

As there is
a diversity of opinion in the
mercantile community here in
regard the intrinsic worth of
Spanish & Mexican Halves, quarters
& eighths of dolls. will you be
so kind as to inform me, at your
earliest convenience, what are
the usual rates, at which you
receive coins of the above descrip-
tion in sums of fifty, one hundred
& five hundred dollars, payable
in the new coin of the U.S.?

Very Respectfully

Yours
Israel Green.

From

~~Thomas~~ Green

Findlay Ohio

May 24 1878

From

Israel Green

Findlay Ohio

May 24 1858

Robert

3 Robert Patterson

Robert Patterson

1.225 : 480 : 2 : 437.5

480 : 1225 : 700 -

$$\begin{array}{r} 8575 \overline{) 17865} \\ 377 \\ 336 \\ \hline 415 \\ 384 \\ \hline 310 \\ 288 \\ \hline 220 \end{array}$$

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MAY-24-1858

To
Hon Alexander Murray
Mayor of the City of
Phila.

inquiring time Japanese
Embassy will arrive
in Phila.

May 24th

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

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$$\begin{array}{r} 20 \overline{) 107.96} \\ \underline{5.36} \end{array}$$

143.82

$$\begin{array}{r} 5.3920 \\ \underline{107.800} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5.40_{20} \\ \underline{108.00} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 205.40 \\ \underline{800} \\ 100 \end{array}$$

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May 24. 0

Dear Sir,

I will thank you to inform me when the Japanese Embassy is expected to arrive in this city and how long it will probably remain here. This information is desired for the purpose of being communicated to the Director of the Mint, who is at Rochester, New York, attending the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, now in session in that place, that he may return in time to be present, when these interesting strangers visit the Mint to give his instructions as to receiving them and exhibiting the operations of the institution.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,

Wm. Alexander Henry, St. R. Linderman
Mayor of Philadelphia. Director, Mint

70 - DREXEL & Co.

MAY - 22 - 1858

May, 22

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Gentlemen:

In reply to your favor of 8th day
I have to state that the shipping and
conveying of the small silvers & cents
for the Express Company
there no preference on Monday
next, but on the contrary it will
only and facilitate the payment
to your house and all others who
may apply for the new cents.

This Express Company, as you fear, will
not be paid for, on the exclusion
of other applicants: and if we can
get through with conveying the package
by to-morrow in time to receive others
I need have no objection to receiving
a part of your lot - on the agreement
that you will come under the same
arrangement I have made with the
express companies - namely not to take
precedence of applicants on Monday.

Very Respectfully
Yours all most,

Samuel R. Chapman
Director of the Mint.

Chas. Drexel & Co.
Bankers
3rd St.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

May 21 1858

Sir

As per Receipt and invoice #195 enclosed, I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Company, Nineteen boxes Silver bullion: Weighing 37853.31 oz. net value \$49,733.93 for which I will thank you to remit

\$25000. in half dollars

24733.93 " Quarters "

4444 Empty bags returned.

Samuel Stinson Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint

Very Respectfully,
J. W. C. W. C.
Treasurer

From
Mr. J. C. Cissell

Recd
New York
May 22/58

No. 195 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
19 " " 37853.31 ozs Silver "
Parcel " 4444 Empty bags

Amounting in Net value to \$ 49733.93
Forty Nine thousand, seven hundred
thirty three ⁹³/₁₀₀

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 21 1858

Adams Express Co John Hoey

JMC

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
May 19th 1858.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir: Your a/c for Ordinary Expenses of the 1st Qr 1858 has this day been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance found due from you to the United States of \$10,034.91 differing from your a/c current (\$10,034.15) in the sum of \$0.76, which is thus explained. Amt of suspensions per Rep No 129,866, Error in calculation in Vou 280 + 302³⁶ = \$0.76. — in your letter to this office of 10th Feb 1858. in explanation of the suspensions above referred to, you state that in Vou 302, the charge is for 50 bags at \$4., whereas the bill (a copy of which is herewith) filed with the a/c, only calls for 40 bags.

Very Respectfully

Your obt servt

W. M. A. D
Comptroller

Army

W. Medill, Comps

Washington

Recd

May 20/58

MAY-18-1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 18, 1858.

Gentlemen:

Referring to your letter of
the 3^d inst I have to state that ^{your} ~~a~~ sight
draft on me for the amount of ^(viz: \$1000) bill for
chilled iron rolls ^{furnished the} ~~for~~ Branch about Barcelona,
will be paid on presentation.

To Maj Bowman
Washington City

(under cover to Sec Treasury)

Enclosing Ref
Bottle Report on
Specimens

May 18. 1837

May 18.th 8.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to enclose Prof. Beoth's report on the specimens of gold bearing quartz, and pieces of galena, which you sent here for examination.

I am, with great regard,

Yours truly,
Samuel R. Chace.

Major A. H. Bowman,

U. S. A.

Washington City.

Phila 18. May. 1858.

Dear Sir

The mass of Gold-bearing quartz, recd by Express, yielded 217 grains, or 9 dwts. of gold pr. bushel, and may therefore be estimated as worth \$9.00 pr. bushel.

The piece of Galena was too small to allow of a separation of the pure galena from the gangue, & was therefore assayed in mass. It yielded $56\frac{1}{2}$ pr. ct. lead, & 64 oz. 14 dwts. of pure silver to the ton of ore. By grinding & washing on a large scale, the galena thus concentrated would yield, at least 70 pr. ct. lead, and 77 oz. silver to the ton of galena. It contained gold, but the quantity was too small to be determined.

Very respectfully
yrs. obt. Svt

A. H. Booth

Major A. H. Bowman

Washington

MAY-17-1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 17, 1858.

Sir,

I present herewith a statement of
Deposits and Coinage at the Mint and its
branches, including the Assay Office at
New York, during the 1st Quarter of 1858.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director of the Mint.

Hon Horace Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

To Sec Treasury

Dr Statement & Deposits
Homage at the
Mint ~~for~~ 1st Dr. 1838.
Enclosed

May 17. 1838

May 17. 8.

Sir,

I present herewith a statement exhibiting
the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint and its
branches during the 1st quarter 1858.

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Mendenhall,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

MAY-17-1858

From J B Chandler
Montrose, Pa
J A Clapp
Augustine
Wm Allen Son
Pittsburg
Me.

Exchange New
Cent

Answer by sending
circulars. —

May 19, 1858

1858

Montrose Pa. May 17 1858
Superintendent of U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

I have about fifty doll-
-ars of Spanish + Mexican coin &
can probably - get one or two
thousand dollars more in our
Town - will you please write
me what you pay for such in
American Coin - or in what way
you receive them if at all -
& whether you pay Exp^{ts}
to & from Philadelphia on
coin sent. There is quite a
large amt of the old stuff
about here - & I wish to take
measures to get it where it will
now be seen again in the
same shape

Truly Yours
H. B. Chandler

Portland May 18th / 38

Dear Sir

We have a lot
of Spanish Quarters on hand
- some of them smooth - some
are good ones - Does the
government allow twenty-five
cts apiece for them all - payable
in new cts -

If so - will
you please write as - stating
whether quick returns will
be made - and if they shall
be sent by express
Yours Respectfully
Wm Allen & Son.

P. Keys

Augusta Me May 15-1858

Dear Sir,

Will you have the kindness to inform me what \$300 - in old American \$1.^e. 1/2^s. and some Spanish and Mexican \$1-^s would gain by being recoined into American \$1.^e or 1/2^e - They are all very fair, no holes or clips, will average better than the common run of coin, do you think I should get a return of \$325 for the same -

Most Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
J. C. Clapp

To Sec Treasury

Call Sec ~~attention~~
to certain items
in Appropriation Bill
for 1889. —

May 17, 1888. —

May 17. 8.

Sir,

I deem it proper to call Your attention to that portion of the general appropriation bill for year ending June 30th 1859 (recently passed by the House of Representatives) which provides for the support of the Mint and its Branches. I notice that the amounts appropriated for salaries of Officers and Clerks at the Branch Mints at San Francisco, Charlotte and Dahlonega; and the Assay Office at New York, are less than have been appropriated under that head; and no provision is made for "Incidental & Contingent Expenses" at the Branch Mints at Charlotte & Dahlonega, nor for "Wages of Workmen" at the former institution, and that the amount appropriated for the last named item at the Branch Mint Dahlonega, is less than half the amount estimated for

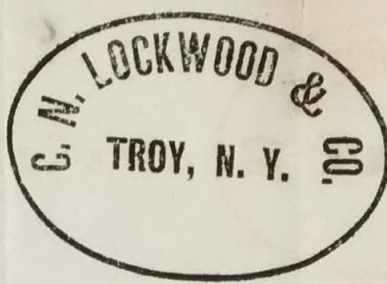
necessary for that purpose, see pages 28 & 29
bill n^o 201 H. R. now pending in the Senate.

I would most respectfully observe
that unless the items referred to are amended
before the passage of the bill much inconvenience
will be experienced at the institutions named,
and more particularly at the branch mints
at Dahlonega and Charlotte.

A reference to the Estimates
transmitted to the Department on the 24th
of October last will show the amounts estimated
to be required for the support of the respective
institutions.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
Samuel R. Howards.
Director of the Min.

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City



15 May 1858

Trans. U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Dear Sir

On the 6th January last we sent by
Express \$50. in Cents, to your address as above, and
from which we have not heard; which we wished exchanged
for the new coinage. This course we understood to be
in accordance with your regulations, and if it was
we should be glad to hear from you in explanation
of the reason why we have not received them before
this —

Respectfully Yours

C. N. Lockwood

Ans'd. 19 May as below

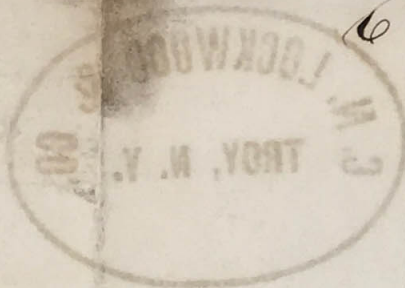
This is one which was paid me some time since

From

C N Lockwood & Co

Troy N.Y.

May 13 1858



Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 15, 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$61,836.32
in Gold Coins on Ac of invoice N^o 194.

Very Respectfully

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Cato

Treasurer

From

Jno J Cisco Treas
New York

May 15 1858

MAY-15-1858

To
First Auditor
Washington

Enquire of Buller
accounts for the
S. G. 1st 2^d 1858.
must be examined
at the Mt. —

May 13. 1858.

15th May 5.

Sir,

I received by the last mail from California the T. Puccin accounts of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, for the 1st Quarter 1855. - I will thank You to inform me whether You desire these accounts to undergo the usual examination at the Mint before being transmitted to You.

Very Respectfully,
Yours obt. servt.
James R. K. Kenna,
Director of the Mint.

J. Smith Esq
1st Auditor.
Washington City,

MAY-15-1858

To Hon J. P. Clay
A. R.
Washington

Silver dollars issued
by the Mint and Mint
Statement of value of
5 franc piece of France

May 13. 1838.

May 15. 8

Dear Sir,

I have seen and your letter of the 13th inst, enclosing a paper from Mr. Lafolle respecting the issuing of Silver dollars at the Mint, and the Mint statement of the value of the 5 franc piece of France.

The Act of Congress approved Feb. 21. 1853, c. 79, relating to Silver Coinage, reduced the weight of the half dollar, and the pieces of lower denomination, but did not affect the weight of the whole dollar. It provides a mode of purchasing Silver Bullion for the coinage of the sub-divisions of the dollar and also provides that no deposits for the coinage of such subdivisions shall be made ~~by~~ received: But owners of Silver Bullion may deposit such Bullion and have, returned, in Silver Dollars. This is sometimes done to meet the demand

foreign
local demand. To supply which, as
well as applicants for specimens for
Cabinets &c. thousands of dollars
were struck the last year. But practically the silver dollar has ceased to be
a coin of circulation, and may be
regarded as a bar of silver of standard
purity.

The purchase silver bullion for coins
at the rate of 122.5 cents per ounce of
standard silver, but we pay for the bullion
in silver coins only. At this rate, and
payable in the subdivisions of the dollar,
the fine pure piece is worth 98 cents.
At the rate silver is purchased at the time
the whole silver dollar is worth about
105.25 cents payable as before mentioned
in silver coins, ~~the~~ ^{two} half dollars of
which are worth at the same rate
98 cents; and, as compared with
the half dollars, its intrinsic value is,
107.25 cents; but the legal value of
the silver dollar is 100 cents.

I trust you will be able to understand
the explanation I have given. In view
of the complexity of the subject I think
it may well be considered whether
it would not be proper, either to
discard the silver dollar altogether,
or, make it accord in weight with
the smaller denominations, that is to
say, reduce the weight to 384 grains
instead of 412.5, as now authorized.

I am, with great respect,
your friend & ob^d servant,

Samuel Rosecrance
Director of the mint.

Hon. Saml. B. Clay
Member of the Committee
on Foreign Relations,
House of Reps
Washington City.

Treasury Department
May 14. 1858.

Sir

The daily statements sent
by you of the condition of the Bullion funds of
the Mint may be for the present discontinued.
I am very Resp^l

Wm Will Cobb
Sec of the Treasury

S. R. Ingham Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From the Secretary

Statement of Condition
of Bullion fund

May be discontinued

May 15. 1838.

Chief Coiner's department

May 14th 1858.

To J Ross Snowden Esq
Director U S Mint.

Dear Sir.

I respectfully report,
that the working of the last delivery by the
Treasurer of 37,484.65 Gold Bullion, into
double Eagles, was completed yesterday.

The Gold after being rolled into strips for
cutting, appeared streaked and discolored by some
substance in the Metal. The working only
produced \$80,260, if the Gold had been clean it
would have produced at least \$2000 more.
The whitening does not remove the dirt from the
Planchets, and it appears to darken under the
stroke of the Coining Press. Some of the Planchets
are rejected as unfit for coinage at the assorting
table, others are not discovered until struck.

The appearance of this substance in the
Gold has occurred in a number of recent
deliveries for Coinage, and occasionally, has
been so bad, as to render the working difficult,
and seriously interfere with its progress.

It is very desirable to obviate this defect
in some way, otherwise pieces of coin,
which would really be a discredit to the Mint,
may escape detection at the Counting, and
find their way into circulation.

Respn Yr obt Serv

Ceo T. Philips
Chief Coiner

of
From Chief Comr
U.S. Mint

Report as to found
ingots -

May 14. 1838.

CROWELL & COLLINS, AGTS.

No. 50 North Wharves.

Philadelphia, May 21 1858

United States Mint

To Cash Mr. H. Kendal Dr.,

DOLLS.

CTS.

For Freight on

~~Defalcation~~

Expenses,

~~Balance~~

04

2 64
1 59

4 14

Received Payment for CROWELL & COLLINS,

From

New York

Crowell & Collins

Treasury Department

First Auditor Office

May 13^d 1858

Wm Daul Sturgeon
Treasurer N. S. Mount
Philadelphia

Sir:

In the examination of your
Bulletin Apr 1st Or 1858 I am unable to find
the vouchers for payment of cert deposits made
prior to but paid in the 1st Or - amounting to the sum
of \$21,894.44 Please supply the omission.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c. S. G.

W. H. Smith
Auditor

From

F L Smith Auditor

Washington

May 13th 1858

4.43
3.58
2.51
3.20
-69

MAY-13-1858

James Ross Snowden the director of The Mint at Philadelphia, reports, that there was coined at the mint, for the year ending 30th June 1857, Ninety four thousand silver dollars. See Report on the Finances 1856-7 page 47.

In his report to the Secretary dated Oct 12th 1857, he says:— "The five franc piece generally is of the weight of 0.803 ounce, and value 98 cents."

I cannot conceive how Mr. Snowden makes the 5 franc piece worth 98 cents, unless he assumes the fact that the 94,000 dollars coined at the mint are worth more than 100 cents each. If these \$94,000 are worth more than \$1 each under what authority does he coin them? If there is a law of Congress authorizing him to coin those dollars, it appears to me the same law would entitle our Minister and Consuls in France to receive the francs for their salaries at rates of equal value to the dollar coined at the mint.

If 5 francs are worth 98 cents, then what is the value at the mint of a silver dollar coined at the mint at par? This is a question which our Minister, Consuls and every employee of the government, receiving his pay in francs has a right to claim a satisfactory answer. Indeed, the rule will apply, more or less, to every employee of the government who receive their pay in a foreign coin.

W B Lussell

Washington D.C.
May 12th 1858

Hon. J. B. Clay
House of Reps.

May 10 1828

Washington May 13th 1858

J. R. Seward Esq

Director of the Mint in
D.C.

As a member of the Com^{tee}
on Foreign Relations of the House of
Representatives, I will be obliged if
you will furnish me answers to the
questions contained in the enclosed
paper, respecting the ^{relation} value of French
2 Dollars & of 50 Cents. or in

Very Respectfully

Yours M^t Sir

James B. Clay

of
Hon James B. Clay
H. R.
Washington

Enclosing paper containing
enquiries as to 3-prun
prices & U. S. Silver
Dollar

May 15. 1838.

The U S Mint

The U S Mint
For 400 bags for \$1000

Philae May 13/58

To Messrs B. Lundy &

For 400 bags for ~~Antioch~~ ^{Antioch} \$1000 = @ \$10.50 per h - \$42.00

Concord
Geo. W. Childs
Ch. W. K.

Peasbry

Margt. B. Leidy

Hartford Conn. 13th May 1858
James Ross Snowden Esq
Dr Sir

We have forwarded
to U. S. Mint to day for Adams Express
Co. Fifty dolls. in cents which we
wish to exchange for new cents. When
the new ones are ready please forward
them to our address by the same
Express and oblige

Yours Respectfully
Thomas Stutts

From the Still Co.
Hartford
Conn.

Old Copper Coin
~~for sale~~
Held for
New coin

May 14, 1838

United States Assay Office
New-York, May 12, 1858.

Sir,

I ~~and~~ enclosed a corrected
statement of an operation in March,
and an approximate statement for
April.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. servt.,

S. D. Butterworth
Suplt

Wm. J. R. Gordon, }
Director of the Mint. }

From
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

Enclosing no
Statement

May 13, 1886



The First American Letter Foundry.

ESTABLISHED 1796.

Philadelphia, Mar 12/58
 Medal Fund U. S. Mint
 Phila

Bought of L. Johnson & Co.

1 ft Brevin Antique N° 3	3 55	
1 - - - - - Spaces & Quad	1 20	
Lead 6 to Pica	40	
1 lb N° 1 Black Ink (P)	1 00	\$6.15

Recd Payment,

L. Johnson & Co.

The above materials are to be used
 in labelling Medals & Coins in
 the Mint Cabinet

Wm E Dubois
 asst assayer

Little

L Johnson & Co

H. 6, 15 —

Mar 12, 1858

May 12. 1858

Relative to the
negligence of the
night watch.

Chief Engineer's Department

May 12th 1858

To I Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

It becomes my duty
to report that our nightly watch have of
late been very negligent and inattentive
in the performance of their duties

On the first of May Marshall reports
to me that he found the pins of the watch
clock for the hour of two were not driven in
any of the rooms. And on May 5th all the
pins for the hours of two and three were
neglected. Last night the pin for three
o'clock which should have been driven from
the Cutting Room was neglected. The latter
omission was accompanied with a cir-
cumstance which requires special notice
as it involves a flagrant violation of duty.

Mr. Hall encountered difficulty in opening
the clock this morning and had to procure
the Carpenter's assistance. Upon taking off
the lock it was discovered that it had been
tampered with, a part of a key was found
broken off in the lock.

Very Resp^{ly} Mr. O'Brien

Chas. H. Chicago

Chief Engineer

MAY-11-1858

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 11. 1858.

Sir,

I present herewith a statement ^{of the} ~~of the~~ manufacture of medals for
Medals Fund account for the 1st Quarter 1858
and enclose vouchers for the items charged therein.
The ^{statement} ~~Account~~ exhibits a balance ~~to~~ of \$
to the credit of the Fund of 1,929.32 due
the U. S.

To
The Sec^y Treasury

Presenting Statement
of Medals Account
1st Tr. 1838.

May 11. 1838.

May 11. 8.

Sir

I present herewith a statement of account for the manufacture of Medals for the 1st Quarter 1858 and enclose vouchers for the items charged therein. The statement exhibits a balance of \$1,929.32 due the U. States.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

Lt. James Ross & Son & Co. Ex. Dir. Co.

1838

Dec 31 Balance

March Dollars Cent

1940 11

March 1 To Amount received from P. C.

W. H. H. for 30 Silver & Gold Medals

90 00

March 2 To this amount received from Joshua

W. H. H. for 30 Silver & Gold Medals

18 00

Balance to Dr \$1927.32 March 31 1838

James Ross & Son & Co.

Street

Medal Account

Cr.

1858					
January	7	By this amount paid Bay Elder	103	565	
March	1	By this amount paid for materials and labor in manufacturing 30 silver			
		Plating Medals - Standard Silver	104	5425	
		Labor	105	613	
March	2	By this amount paid for materials and labor in manufacturing 30 Bronze "Medals"			
		Medals: Copper	106	250	
		Labor	107	614	
	12	By this amount paid of Johnson & Co	108	618	
	13	By this amount paid of Linn & Co	109	3407	

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Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 11th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$25566.95
in Silver Coins, in payment for invoice N.
193

Very Respectfully

J. H. Cisco

Treasurer

J. Sturgeon Esq

Treasurer U.S. Mint

From

Jno. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Recd

May 12/58.

Treasury Department
First auditors office
May 11th 1858

Hon: Danl Sturgeon
Treasurer of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I return herewith Silver
warrant & receipt No 1. Coverd 200 ^{\$}809.¹⁰/₁₀₀
The warrant is receipted by W^m Gallagher &
the receipt is indorsed.

Please supply the omission & return
to this office at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully
your obt servt

H. L. Smith
Auditor

From

J. L. Smith

1st. And

Washington

Recd

May 12/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 10. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and statement
enclosed, I have this day transmitted by
the Adams Express Company, two boxes Gold
bulletin, weighing 5492.19 ozs. Net value
\$ 110,836.32 for which I will thank you to
return double eagles in payment

Very Respectfully

D. T. Morgan Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint

John J. Case
Treasurer

From

Ans. J. Cisco, Treas

Recd

New York

May 11/58

No. 194 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Two Box containing 5492.19 Ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel " " "

Amounting in Net value to \$111836.32

One Hundred Eleven Thousand Eight
Hundred Thirty Six ³²/₁₀₀

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 10 1858

Adams Express Co J. Parker

Sir,

Treasury Department
May 6th 1858

What is the cost of coining gold, refined to the legal standard? That is to say, what is the cost of the operations of coinage alone, and what fee would cover that cost?

Very respectfully
Yours checked him,

Wm. Lobb

Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Gordon Esq
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

From So.
The Sec. Treasury

Cost of coming
gold refined to the
legal standard

May 10. 1858. —

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 10, 1858,

Sir,

I have carefully examined the question presented in your favor of the 6th inst. - the receipt of which I acknowledged on the 8th inst. - and am constrained to say that I have been unable to arrive at a satisfactory solution of it. The causes of the difficulty ~~consist~~ ^{consist} in the constantly varying amounts and proportions of the two metals, (silver and gold) operated upon in each year, the different bulks of the two metals for the same weight, the different values of the same weights of the two metals, and lastly, the fact that the same set of ~~work~~ ^{work} machinery, implements and materials are often indiscriminately employed on both metals. Hence I find it impracticable to ascertain the aggregate

expenses between the two metals, and thus ^{am} unable to respond to the question, "What is the cost of coining gold, refined to the legal standard?"

I may add that the cost of the coinage of both metals united, can hardly be stated with any precision, because it depends upon the amount of metals operated on; the cost of coinage per cent, ^{will always} ~~being~~ always, ^{be} the greater amount that is coined. It will also be varied somewhat by the ~~size and~~ denomination of the ~~pieces~~ coins. ~~Where the coinage is small no reasonable charge could cover the expense.~~ At Dahlonega and Charlotte, for example, (and these branches being confined to gold afford some reliable data,) the expenses of coinage, exclusive of salaries, are very nearly, I think, 4 per cent, at the former, and about 3 per cent, at the latter. If the gold coinage be

large in amount ~~at one establishment~~ ^{as it was}
~~as it was~~ at the Mint in 1851, 1852
and 1853, ~~but~~ the cost of Coinage
alone would ^{probably} be covered by the
change of the half of one per
cent.

I have the

May 10. 8.

Sir

I have carefully examined the question presented in your favor of the 6th inst. - the receipt of which I acknowledged on the 8th inst. - and am constrained to say that I have been unable to arrive at a satisfactory solution of it. The causes of the difficulty consist in the constantly varying amounts and proportions of the two metals (silver and gold) operated upon in each year, the different bulks of the two metals for the same weight, the different values of the same weights of the two metals, and lastly, the fact that the same set of workmen, machinery, implements and materials are often indiscriminately employed on both metals. Hence I find it impossible to apportion the aggregate expenses between the two metals, and thus compare them.

respond to the question, "What is the cost of
coining gold, refined to the legal standard?"

I may add that the cost of coinage
per cent, will always be less the greater amount
that is coined. It will also be varied somewhat
by the denomination of the pieces coined. At
Wahlonga and Charlotte, for example, (and
these branches being confined to gold afford
some reliable data,) the expenses of coinage,
exclusive of salaries, are very nearly, I
think, 4 per cent. at the former and about
3 per cent. at the latter. If the gold coinage
be large in amount, as it was at the
Mint in 1851, 1852 and 1853, the cost of
coinage alone, would probably be covered by
the charge of the half of one per cent.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Bowdler,
Director of the Mint.

How Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington

MAY-9-1858

MAY-9-1858

To Sec Treasury

ask indulgence in the
Monday 10 reply 10 letter
enquiring list of
coming gold refined
to the legal standard

May 9. 1838.

May 2. 8

Sir,

I received yesterday your favor of the 6th inst inquiring "the cost of coining gold, refined to the legal standard", and hoped to be able to respond to it to-day, but I find I must claim your indulgence until Monday next. I fear I will not be able to state the cost, owing to our operations being upon different metals, but I will give some views on the subject on Monday.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 8. 1858.

Dear Sir,

I received to-day, per Express,
the specimens referred to, in Your letter of the
5th inst and have placed the same in the hands
of Prof. Booth with instructions to make a
careful analysis thereof.

Respectfully Truly, Yours.

Director of the Mint.

Maj. A. N. Bowman

Enger in chg. Treasury Department
Washington City

Col Snowden
Esteemed Sir

We have learned from
an Agent of the U S Gutta Percha
Putting Company, that you have
Ordered some of their Putting
We would therefore respectfully
Call your attention to the
enclosed Circular from which
you will see that we sell
at Manufacturers Prices

Yours &c
J. M. Dyer & Son
1140 Market St

Phil May 7/58

of
Wm H. J. Boyer & Co
Market St
Phila.

As to Belting
made by them.
Solicit a trial
thereof. —

Appl.
~~May~~ 30. 1838 —
A

HIGHLY IMPORTANT

TO

MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS.

We invite the attention of Manufacturers, Machinists, Millers and all who require Belting or Packing, to an examination of the superiority of the improved

VULCANIZED GUTTA PERCHA BELTING,

manufactured by the "U. S. Vulcanized Gutta Percha Belting and Packing Company," and now for sale, *at manufacturers' prices*, by

WM. L. BOYER & BROTHER,

At their Agricultural, Implement and Seed Store, 1140 Market St., Phila.

Among the advantages claimed for the Gutta Percha Belting and Packing are, its great repellent properties, its complete resistance to acids and oily substances, its proof against decomposition, and, in fine, its decided superiority to any and all other material where Belting and Packing is used—which facts the Company are prepared to guarantee.

It may be used either as Cross or Driving Belts, without the necessity of tightening after being once properly placed, except in extreme cases.

Gutta Percha being a non-conductor, heat or cold does not affect it. May be run in or out of wet or damp places, through oils or acids, *unlike Leather or Rubber*, which rot and become worthless in such exposure.

COMPARATIVE PROPERTIES OF

Vulcanized India Rubber and Vulcanized Gutta Percha.

India Rubber is vulcanized to reduce its elasticity, and give it more firmness than is natural to the crude material.

Gutta Percha is vulcanized for the purpose of giving it elasticity and pliability.

India Rubber, when vulcanized, has an odor about it exceedingly disagreeable.

Gutta Percha, vulcanized, is entirely free from unpleasant odor.

India Rubber, even when vulcanized, *will decompose*, and get sticky, and much of it becomes entirely useless.

Gutta Percha, when vulcanized, *will not decompose*, and become sticky under any circumstances.

India Rubber, when exposed to friction, even when vulcanized, rolls up a dirty, sticky mass.

Gutta Percha, vulcanized, when exposed to friction, wears away dry.

India Rubber, vulcanized, is not so perfect a repellent of water, as before being vulcanized.

Gutta Percha, by vulcanization, is improved in its repellent properties.

All BELTING and PACKING made by this Company will bear the Company's Stamp; and *and as there is no India Rubber* whatever used in the manufacture, we caution the public against all misrepresentations to the contrary.

Directions for Adjusting Vulcanized Gutta Percha.

Cut off the two ends to be united perfectly straight, then with a small punch make a row of holes about $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches apart, and $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch from the end of the Belt; also, another row $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the end, and on a line midway between those nearest the end, and apply the lacing alternately, first to one row and then to the other, (starting from the middle and lacing each way), so that there shall be an equal and uniform strain on all parts of the Belt.

Belts of 10 inches in width, or over, should be lapped; the thickness of the splice or lap of the 3 and 4 Ply to be reduced by removing two plies of the Belt 3 inches at the ends, and one ply 3 inches beyond, and by removing the Gutta Percha 3 inches further; then unite the two ends thus reduced, apply the cement, and lace with leather, when the Belt is ready for use. The seam to be on the outside.

To get the correct length, deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ of an inch per foot from the exact length around the Pullies.

Specimen samples of mode of Lacing sent with orders for goods.

PRICES OF MACHINE BELTING.

TWO PLY.			THREE PLY CONTINUED.			FIVE PLY.		
<i>For Agricultural Machines, and other light work.</i>			13 inches	72	cents per foot.	Wherever Double Leather Belts have been used, we recommend our Five Ply Belts, and will warrant them to do more work at about one-half the cost.		
1 inch	5	cents per foot.	14 "	81	" "			
1½ "	6	" "	15 "	86	" "			
2 "	8	" "	16 "	92	" "			
2½ "	10	" "	18 "	104	" "			
3 "	12	" "	20 "	115	" "			
3½ "	14	" "	FOUR PLY.			5 inches	\$0 40	per foot.
4 "	16	" "	2 inches	13	cents per foot.	6 do.	50	do.
5 "	20	" "	3 do.	17	do. do.	7 do.	60	do.
THREE PLY.			4 do.	24	do. do.	8 do.	70	do.
2 inches	10	cents per foot.	5 do.	30	do. do.	9 do.	80	do.
2½ "	13	" "	6 do.	36	do. do.	10 do.	90	do.
3 "	15	" "	7 do.	41	do. do.	11 do.	1 00	do.
3½ "	18	" "	8 do.	47	do. do.	12 do.	1 10	do.
4 "	20	" "	9 do.	58	do. do.	13 do.	1 18	do.
4½ "	22	" "	10 do.	69	do. do.	14 do.	1 25	do.
5 "	24	" "	11 do.	75	do. do.	15 do.	1 35	do.
6 "	29	" "	12 do.	83	do. do.	16 do.	1 44	do.
7 "	34	" "	13 do.	92	do. do.	17 do.	1 55	do.
8 "	38	" "	14 do.	100	do. do.	18 do.	1 65	do.
9 "	45	" "	15 do.	107	do. do.	19 do.	1 75	do.
10 "	54	" "	16 do.	115	do. do.	20 do.	1 80	do.
11 "	60	" "	18 do.	130	do. do.	Belts heavier than five ply, made to order at proportionate prices.		
12 "	66	" "	20 do.	144	do. do.			

WHOLESALE PRICES OF STEAM PACKING.

Mixed or Fibrous Packings in sheets of all thicknesses and lengths, per lb.	40 cents.
Gum Packing on Cloth,	50
Gaskets for Man-hole and Hand-hole Plates, Steam Chests and Cylinder Heads; Packing Rings for Stuffing Boxes, Pistons, Piston Rods, and all other Steam Joints of Fibrous Packing,	60 a 75 "
Valve Balls,	75 "
Round Packing for Stuffing Boxes, Piston Rods, &c.,	75 "

By comparing our price list with those of leather Beltings, it will be seen that the difference is from 33 to 100 per cent. in favor of Gutta Percha, while the latter can be used in many places where leather is soon destroyed.

Also,

VULCANIZED GUTTA PERCHA HOSE AND TUBING,

two, three, four and five ply, and of various purposes. All of the above goods for sale, at MANUFACTURERS' PRICES, at

WM. L. BOYER & BROTHER'S
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT AND SEED STORE,

1140 Market Street, Philada.

 All communications by mail promptly answered.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 7th 1858

Sir I enclose herewith Invoice Receipt
for 11 Boxes Silver Bullion 21,001.24 ozs
Net Value, \$25,566.95 sent you this day,
for which please remit \$10,000 in Half
and balance in Quarter dollars.

Very respectfully

J. M. J. Cisco

Assured

David Stinson Esq.
Near U.S. Mint
Phila

From

J. J. Cisco, May

New York

Recd
May 8/58 }

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 193

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Seven Box containing 2,001.24 28 Gold Bullion,
" " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 25,516.95
Twenty five thousand five hundred and
sixty six 95/100 dollars -

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 7th 1858

Adam & Co

J. B. Peck

Treasury U.S. Washington
May 9. 1858

Sr.

Please send for amount of the enclosed Sfr
(viz N^o 5708 T. 71 pr for \$560.) - Five hundred dollars
in cents & sixty dollars in three cent pieces -

\$560-

Yours respectfully

Sam Casey

Treasurer U.S.

Daniel Sturgeon Esqr
Near U.S. Mint
Philad^a

A. K. Georly left on 22nd Inst

From
Samuel Casey Treas
Washington
May 7 1858

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U. S. Assay Office

Melter & Refiners Department,

New York May 7. 1858.

Sir,

Since the last annual settlement of accounts for the year 1857, in which, you are aware, I handed to the Treasurer a considerable surplus of gold and silver, over and above the amount charged to me, I have been satisfied that a large portion of that surplus was derived from the crucibles and fluxes used in the operation of deposit melting, as all of the precious metals thus obtained from deposits, is a net gain to the Melter & Refiners account.

By the improvements in sweep-washing which have been introduced, and so successfully applied to that purpose, I am satisfied that the actual wastage in washing all of the sweeps, is very much diminished, and consequently a much larger amount of the precious metals is obtained from the crucibles and fluxes used in deposit-melting, as well as from the sweep obtained from all other sources.

Before these improvements were introduced, it was the custom at this office, as well as at the Mint, to allow depositors 100 of an ounce for every 25 ounces of gold melted for them, and this allowance for absorption by the crucible and flux, was added to the weight of the gold after-melting, and

Consequently the depositor was credited, and the Melter and Refiner charged with, the allowance so made. Under the impression, (at that time) that this allowance was excessive, and unjust to the Melter and Refiner, I recommended (in a letter dated Jan'y 13/55) that it should be discontinued, and I believe that the Melter & Refiner of the Mint also recommended that the change should be made. Shortly after, by order of the Director of the Mint, the practice of making that allowance was discontinued, apparently to the satisfaction of all parties.

Subsequent to this change, complaints from depositors have been made, that the weight after melting is frequently less than it should be, and the surplus in my accounts, proves that gold belonging to those depositors has been unintentionally withheld from them, and retained in the office, to the credit of the Melter and Refiner's account, and to the benefit of the Government.

Having been instrumental in causing the change by which this effect has been produced, and with the same earnest desire to do justice to all parties now, as well as at the time I made the above recommendation, and in view of the above facts, I now feel it to be my duty to recommend that the former allowance be restored to depositors, and charged to the Melter and Refiner's account, as before.

As the amount of wastage, required to balance the accounts of the Melter & Refiner of each of the

minting establishments of the United States, may be assumed as the basis of opinion, in reference to his skill and integrity in performing the duties of his office, it is evident, that any change in reference to the above subject, or a similar point, should be made simultaneously in all of the establishments, and consequently if the change is made at this office (as I hope it will be) it should be made in all, to take effect from a certain date.

I am well satisfied that the limit of allowance for wastage, made by law, is more than sufficient to cover any actual wastage in the operations of my department, and I am equally satisfied that the officers who hold a similar position in the Mint and branches are equally confident in reference to theirs, consequently I believe there will be no objection to the above recommendation from the parties who are most interested in the subject proposed. I beg therefore that you will lay this matter before the Director of the Mint, at your earliest convenience & oblige
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

Edward M. Kent.

Melter & Refiner

S. F. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent.

United States Assay Office,
New York, May 10, 1858.

Sir,

On the 28th January last, I submitted to you a statement of the Melter & Refiner's settlement for 1857, and mentioned the circumstances to which that Officer attributed the surplus of bullion in his hands. I then remarked that "Although these circumstances may account for a large part of the gain in the account of the Melter & Refiner, - sufficient not only to cover the inevitable wastage, but also to leave a surplus of nearly \$8,000, - I cannot but think it is due in some degree to the discontinuance of the former practice of making an allowance to depositors for the absorption by the crucible".

I beg leave to call your attention again to this subject. The enclosed letter, addressed to me by the Melter & Refiner of this Office, presents the conclusions to which he has been led by careful observations in his department since his last settlement,

and confirms the correctness of the views expressed by me in the letter of Jan. 28th above alluded to. This request from the Melter & Refiner for the restoration to depositors of an allowance, which is to be at the expense of his own Account, is not only highly creditable to that officer, but entirely relieves him from the responsibility of having been instrumental in having that allowance abolished.

I may state in this connection that complaints from depositors of excessive loss in melting are not infrequent. I do not mean by this the loss from this source to depositors is occasionally greater than the average; but that with all practicable care and skill the average loss is such as to cause complaints from our more intelligent depositors. It would be an easy matter for us to silence these complaints by an arbitrary system of adjustments in the Weigh-room. But, under existing regulations, the Treasurer is precluded from giving to depositors more than the actual weight returned from the deposit-melting room.

In a statement which I presented to you on the 25th Feb. last, the average loss in melting bars at this Office in 1857 was stated to have been $\frac{7}{100}$ per cent. I find that this ratio has not been changed during the present year. The effect of a restoration of the former allowance of $\frac{4}{100}$ for every 100 oz. would be to reduce our ratio of loss to $\frac{3}{100}$ per cent., and also to relieve us from the complaints of depositors which are doubly annoying because we feel them to be just.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Saml. F. Butternuth
Sup

Gen. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

From
Supt U. S. Assay Office
N. Y.

Enclosing a communication
from M + R in relation
to allowance ^{to depositors} of $\frac{1}{100}$
of an oz for every
25 ounces of metal
melted. - Suggests
a return to former practice

May 11. 1838.

May 13. Director reply
enclosed.

Sir,

May 12. 8

I have carefully examined the subject which you present to my consideration in your letter of the 10th inst and in previous communications.

It is to be considered, from the facts you present, what is the proper course to be adopted by which more exact returns to depositors may be made at your office. Without changing the existing regulations I think the remedy consists in using extreme care in gathering up all the grains, and a more liberal use of a protective flux. I find that your losses on deposits melting are greater than at the mint, and hence ~~the~~ it is proper that an effort be made to produce uniformity of results, and by careful melting

to do justice to the depositors as well as
the government. This view is much
strengthened by a reference to the 15th Section
of the Mint Law which provides "that
when bullion is in such a state as to
require melting before its value can be
ascertained, the weight after melting
shall be considered as the true weight
of the bullion deposited." This enactment
however does not preclude a proper
adjustment of the weights, after melting
among the depositors, according to
usual practice.

I am very Respectfully
Your Ob^d. servant,

James R. Newman
Sam^l F. Patterson Esq. Director of the
Dep^t. of the
New-York.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 6th 1858

Sir
I am in receipt this day of
\$20000 gold coins for balance due on
Invoice No 192.

Very respectfully
Wm. J. C. Biscoe
Assistant

David Stinson Esq
Treas U.S. Mint
Phila^a.

From

Geo J Cisco

New York

May 6 1858



Hayden Wright, Hatch & Edson, New York

Syracuse City Bank

Syracuse, N.Y. May 5 1858

Treasurer United States Mint
Philadelphia Penn

Dr Sir

I enclose herewith my
draft on Metropolitan Bank New York for \$500. for
which be pleased to send me per Express

128 1/2
300 1/4
25 1/2
20 1/4
30 3/4

\$150 in 50 cent pieces

300 " 25 " "

25 " dimes

20 " 1/2 dimes and the balance in 3 cent pieces

30 3/4

75

Respectfully yours
J. Sherman Cash

Check deposited by R. B.
Silver sent May 14/58

Truf

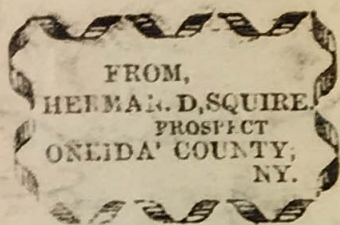
J. Sherman, Cas

Syracuse

Rev?

N.Y.

May 8/58



May 8 1858

Dear Sir

I received
your circular and as all
things were correct I have
sent you \$50 by the American
Express the money I have
sent you are all good & some
ones that is one package
that has got some 25 @ 12 1/2
pieces in as I could not
get enough 25 cent pieces
to make it out but
you will find \$50 by
counting more by weight
for I have been carefull
not to take any creased
ones if you send me the
new note immediately I
will try and get you
\$50 more as soon as I

can get the money to work
with please write to
me and let me know when
you ship the run cuts so
I may know when to go
after them as the prospect
Expt is some ways from
my house the circular
is but that you will
not want only \$50 for
the present please
write to me and let
me know how long the
present is if you send
me the certificates immediately
on receipt of the coin you
will find me a pretty
good customer for I
will send you all the
spunkiest I can get the very
best that I can get

please answer this
letter and answer the
few questions that I
have asked I have
been offered 23¢ with
a pair for Spanish quakers
in wheel but as your
circular was correct and
your terms over a little
better so I sent them
to you

Hoping to hear
from you again
I remain yours

Wm. Bruce

Please Direct
The Payment
To Herman Spruiell
Proper
Union Co
N.Y.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

May 4th 1858

Sir,
I am in receipt this day
of \$82,678.35 gold coins on ac of Invoice
No 192 -

Very respectfully,

J. H. J. Cisco
Master

Sam^l Stinson Esq.
was U.S. Mint
Phila^a.

From

Jno J Leisco Treas

New York

May 4/58

Treasury Department
May 5th 1858.

Dear Sir,

By permission of the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury. I ask the favor of you to permit Prof. Booth to analyse the two specimens, sent this day by express, of gold bearing quartz, and the galena, which is said to contain a large percentage of silver and a small quantity of gold. The specimens are from one vein of four feet in width, tracable for a distance of over one hundred miles.

It is deemed of sufficient public interest to warrant a careful examination. A careful examination of the quartz specimens will enable you to perceive the gold in several places.

Will you please send me a copy of the result of the analysis under cover to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Col. James Ross Snowden }
Director U.S. Mint }
Philadelphia }
Pa. }

Respectfully & truly Yours
A. H. Burman
Enger in Chg. Insp^r

From Maj A. H. Bowman
Eng. in charge
Treasury Department.

Requesting an Analysis
of specimens per Express.

May 6. 1838.

Duplicate

United States Mint

1858 To "The Adams Express Co. Dr
 April For transportation on Silver Bullion as follows
 7 18 Boxes from Assay Office New York 43,090.91 ^{from} C 150 64 64
 9 41 Do to " " " " 43,090.91 " 64 63
 10 15 Do from " " " " 40,132.75 " 60 95
 14 1 Bag to U.S. Deputy Baltimore 1,000.00 " 1 50
 16 10 Keys & 1 Bag to Assay Office New York 40,132.75 " 60 95
 20 20 Boxes from " " " " 47,697.40 " 71 54
 22, 22 " " " " " 60,382.46 " 90 57
 " 48 " to " " " " 47,697.40 " 71 54
 23 12 Keys & 1 Bag to " " " " 60,382.46 " 90 57
 24 14 Boxes from " " " " 32,928.54 " 49 39
 26 13 Boxes & 2 Keys to " " " " 32,928.54 " 49 39
 28 15 " from " " " " 37,525.90 " 56 24
 29 7 Keys & 3 Boxes to " " " " 37,525.90 " 56 28
 Correct:
 A. Patterson
 Wm. C. C.
 788.24

Philadelphia April 30. 1858

Received payment
 Adams Express Company
 for R.R. W. Cullage, Subt

Silver Fought

A. 788.24

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/MAY

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/JUNE

United States Assay Office
New-York, June 1, 1858.

Sir,

I send enclosed an approximate
statement of the business of this Office
for May.

Very respectfully,

your obt. servt.,

S. J. Buttermuth

Supy

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philadelphia. }

To the Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

Monthly Statement
May 1838

June 2, 1838. —

Dunham and Office
Ellicottville N.Y. June 1. 1858.

Dear Sir: I wish to enquire upon what terms as to value,
freight &c. You receive Spanish coin, & old cents in
exchange for the new cent: and what time will probably
elapse after receiving a package before you could ~~send~~
a package in return.

By giving the above information, you will oblige

Very respectfully

Wm. S.
J. C. Dunham
Jr.

The Superintendent
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

circulate
sent.

P.S. Do you pay Express charges either way?

~~From~~

J. C. Deveraux
Ellicottville
N. Y.

Exchange
Spanish & coin

June 4, 1838. —

Mint of the United States

Office of Melter & Refiner

Phila 1. June. 1858.

Dear Sir,

I did not suppose, after the conversations we have had on the subject of the frequent absences of men from the Mint, that there could be any misunderstanding of the cause of complaint, which I, as an operative officer, believed I had sufficient ground for, when the operations of my department were impeded by the fact of frequent absence. For if I complained of any person, it must clearly be, as you state, against myself, who gave the recommendations. I simply complained of the fact, and proposed a remedy, which you suggested as one you wished to consider as applicable during the present month.

I endorsed this remedy, & still believe it to be the most efficient; and if it were tried, I think you would be surprised to discover how much less pressing and important the outside business of the men would become, and ^{how} much their general health would improve.

Very truly yours

Jas B. Booth

M. & R.

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

U. S. Mint

Melter & Refiner's Office

Phil^a 31. May. 1858

Dear Sir

I have no change to report in my Dept^t in the number of hands employed during the Past month, but they were differently arranged, a larger number having been employed in Gold & Silver operations than with the Cent Melting.

In exhibiting to you the list of absences & their assigned reasons, I think you will agree with me that I have just cause for complaint, inasmuch as the public business of the Mint suffers a serious inconvenience. I have been sometimes obliged to throw out of action one furnace, sometimes two, & occasionally three, because of the want of sufficient hands to work them. The table on the opposite page will show the number of days & hours of absence & the reasons assigned.

Names	Sickness days - hours	Business	Military affairs	Sundries
W ^m Boon	4 - 0			
J. Maginnis		1 - 0		
G. W. Summers	4 - 0			
T. Keller		1 - 0		
H. Kiehler		0 - 3		
T. Garrigues	3 - 0			
C. Heaton		0 - 4		
B. J. Matthews			4 - 0	
C. Watson	6 - 0		3 - 6	
J. Koltis			3 - 6	
R. McDonald	25 - 0			
R. Loyd	16 - 0			
W. Link				1 - 0
H. McCaffrey	6 - 0			1 - 0
S. B. McCahen	5 - 0			
W. Barr		0 - 2		
T. Simpson	15 - 0			
J. Mirkil		1 - 0		
	84 - 0	3 - 9	7 - 6	2.
	3 - 9			
	7 - 6			
	2 - 0			
	96 - 15	total absences		

From the preceding table it appears that the total of absence has been $96\frac{5}{8}$ days, which is nearly equal to the absence of $3\frac{3}{4}$ men during the whole month.

At the average rate of \$2.30 pr. day, the loss to the Govt is upwards of \$220.00. A little more than one half of the total absence is due to the continued absence of three men from sickness, their aggregate absence being 56 days. — The causes of absence were

from sickness

days - hours
84 — 0

on act. of business

3 — 9

to attend military funerals & parades

7 — 6

to attend a funeral

1 — 0

from effects of election of previous day.

1 — 0

96 — 15

From the conversations we have had on the subject, it would seem as if there were no other method of diminishing absences, except that of diminishing the pr. diem rate of wages during absence, whether with or without excuse.

Very truly yours

J. C. Booth

M. & R.

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director, U. S. Mint

From - Prof Booth

Master & Refiner

U. S. Mint.

Report for May 1838

Director's letter in relation
to "absences" filed
herewith. -

June 1. 1838. -

June 1, 1871.

Dear Sir,

The remarks in your report for the month of May induces me to say that I cannot understand against whom it is that you have "just Cause of Complaint." The leave of absence, in every case, so far as I know, has been granted on your worthy recommendation.

In view of the fact I think it may be well hereafter for you to make a careful examination into the "reasons" applied for the leave of absence before you recommend that it should be granted.

I am, very truly
and respectfully yours

Samuel C. Booth &
Mellen & Perkins
U. S. Mint.

Samuel Rose Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Roll of Absentees in Corvairs Department for May 1858

Names	on Account of Sickness	on Private Business	Military Appointments	Over Exertion on Election Day	Absent from Funeral of family	Witness in Court	
Prenot.	230						23,
McGrann	10.						1.
Tompson.					1		1.
Forman.	20						2,
Gunis.	2.						2,
Jackson.	3.				1/2		3 1/2
Britton.	2.						2,
Boyd.	2.						2
Lambert.	4.	2					6
Smith.	3.						3.
Tully.	6.				1/2		6 1/2
Harvile.	1.	1			1/2		2 1/2
Miss Florence.	1.						1
Mr McGill	2.						2
Miss R Dorff.					2.		2
Miss J Dorff.					2.		2
Miss Vander.		1					1.
Enoch Thomas			1				1.
R McCally			1				1.
G W Palmer			3				3.
Mullholland.		1/2		1.			1 1/2
Bluntin		1/2					1/2
Louden.		1/2					1/2
Jeffries		1/2					1/2
Slaw.		1.				1	2.
Hick.		1/2					1/2
Canby.	1.	~					1.
Miss Lynch.	1/2.						1/2
	53 1/2	7 1/2	5	1	6 1/2	1	74 1/2 days

New York June 2nd 1838.

To the hon. Director of the U. S. Mint
The

As I am in business
to have use for about \$200.00 worth
of Cents in a week, but better of
of the old Kind, I would respectfully
fully inquire if I can have them
coined, and how much there is
charged when I find the copper.

Please give me an answer, inclo-
sed you will find a stamp for that
purpose.

Your obedient servant
Isaac Rochester
97 Aren. C.

1230
3 6 04
14.4 0

From
Isaac Hoexter
N.Y.

Comage of copper
cent

Jan 4. 183 F. —

June 3. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 2nd inst. I have to inform you that the coinage of the copper cent and the half cent, ceased at the Mint, on the passage of the Act of Feb. 21. 1867 authorizing the issue of the nickel cent.

I am, very Respectfully,
James C. Spencer.
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Isaac Hoehster,
97 Aveu. C.,
New-York.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

June 2nd 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$24,922.20 in Silver Coins in payment for invoice N: 197.

As for receipt and statement enclosed, I have this day transmitted thirty boxes Silver bullion, Weighing 60,912.82 Ozs. Net value, \$78,925.37 - in payment for which I will thank you to remit, as follows.

\$72,925.37 in Quarter dollars
6,000.00 " Three Cent pieces.

Very Respectfully

D. Livingston Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Sco
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
June 7 1858

No. 198

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Boxes containing Gold Bullion,

" " 60912.82 Oz Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$78,925.37

Twenty eight Thousand, nine hundred &
Twenty five ³⁷/₁₀₀which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 2 1858

Adams Express Co. L. Pabcock

JUNE-3-1858

Print of the United States,
Philadelphia,

185

From

City of Racine

Draft for \$50. —

Cents Sent there for

Recd of Adams & Co

Endued

June 11. 1887. —

Office of The Adams Express Company:

EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

Philadelphia June 11 1858

Received from Director W. A. Mink the
undermentioned, Bag cents to be forwarded to
City Bank at Racine Wis

It is part of the consideration of this contract and it is agreed that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be responsible for any loss or damage while being conveyed by the CARRIERS or AGENTS, to whom said property may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company or their servants, nor in any event, beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS at which the article carried is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, nor liable for any damage to GLASS, or any FRAGILE articles, unless herein specially insured. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorised to do,) such company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the depositor, and as such alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be in any event responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such company or person, nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them in writing at their said office, within thirty days after the time when said property has, or ought to have been delivered.

FREIGHT.

MARK.

City Bank.
of Racine
Racine Wis

For the Proprietors,

ARTICLE.

One Bag New cents
Fifty Dollars

Geo C. Thompson

G,
PRESIDENT.
WILLMANN,
CASHIER.

City Bank of Racine,

Racine, Wisconsin,

June 30

1858

United States Mint
Philadelphia

Receive my A/c on my acct for \$50, for which please
send me pennies—

Herewith please
Therefore you have sent them to us & we
paid & I presume your rules have not
changed—

Very Truly Yrs

W. Mann

2 from is

4 1/2

5-7

6 8

9 1/4

9 1/4

9 1/4

9 1/4

9 1/4

9 1/2

9 1/2

Spring Mountain

Spring Mountain

Coal

John F

Spring

Post Office, Philadelphia,

June 4 1858

Col. J. R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Please enclose to me
the printed circular (if any) which
contains the information contained in the
the letter herewith. If there is no such
Circular I will feel obliged if you give
me the information requested.

Respectfully
W. M. Keane
Chief Clerk

Em To W. V. McKean Esq
Chief Clerk
Post Office
Pine

Circular Exp^t
Purchase of Seven
for com^o

Am 8-1878 -

June 5, 8.

Dear Sir,

As requested in your
note of yesterday, I herewith
enclose Mint circular in relation
to the purchase of silver for coinage.

Very Respectfully,

S. R. Snowden

Director of the Mint

F. V. McKean Esq.
Chief Clerk Post Office
Philad. Pa.

Philadelphia June 28th 1858.
Mr James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

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Dear Sir

We will
agree to furnish and deliver at the Mint,
Juniper & Chestnut sts. at such times, and in
such quantities as may be required, between
the 1st of July next and the 30th of June en-
suing (1859) inclusively, a supply of
Wilkesbarre Lehigh Coal of the Lump &
steamship sizes, entirely free from stone,
slate and any other foreign substances, at
Four Dollars and Sixteen Cents ($\$4 \frac{16}{100}$) pr
Ton, each ton delivered to be of 2240^{lb} weight;
and subject to the inspection and approval
of the Director of the Mint

Respectfully submitted

Audenried & Rommel.
Callowhill st at 1st Delaware.

Reference
Lewis Audenried & Co
205 Walnut St.

Office of Supt of Pub. Schools,
Boston, June 3, 1858.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Supt of U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

I write
to inform you that we shall need
for our Schools, 85 Franklin Medals,
and 95 City Medals. By causing
them to be struck and sent to this
office as soon as convenient, you
will oblige yours.

Most respectfully,

John S. Philbrick
Supt of Pub. Schools.

85-
10-
95 - Franklin Medals
95 - City Medals
190
410
209.00
168 02 30 for George.
40.98 30 for Kennedy Medals
35¢ a piece about

From
Supt Public Schools
Boston

Drawing medals
for the use of
Schools

June 3. 1858

Mem of Expenses in
Manufacture of 95 Franklin &
95 Bits Medals for the Superintendents
of the Public Schools of Boston. John D Philbrick

Fine Silver. oz 103.91 @ 999 fine = 812 oz 114.34 @ 1.25 per oz = \$142.92

Fine employed in Manufacture —

25.10
\$168.02

City Hall, Boston,

June 4, 1858.

Dear Sir:

Before this reaches you, you will probably have received from Mr. Philbrick, Sup^d of Public Schools, a request to have struck from the dies at the Mint the Franklin and City Medals which are to be awarded this year. In the memorandum which I furnished to Mr. Philbrick, two of our Schools escaped my consideration; and I write, at the earliest moment, to request you to increase the number ordered of the Franklin Medals by ten (10). This, if I recollect rightly, will make the number the same of each of the two kinds. (I have not the memorandum by me.)

Very respectfully,

Your Obedt^t Servant,

Darnard Capron,

Secretary of the School
Committee.

To
J. Ross Snowden Esq.
or Director, U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

190 Silver Medals Pub. Sch. Boston 21.10 209-

Labor

\$ 22.10

Silver

142.92

165.02

\$ 40.98

Profit \$40.98

Rec^d July 14th 1858 \$ 165⁰²/₁₀₀ the amount due for
labor & material on acc of above medals.

C. S. Lincoln Asst. to C. C.

Mint of the United States.
Phil^a July 8, 1858.

John D. Filbrick Esq
Supt. Cust. Schore Boston

To Messrs Tins & S. Mint St.

For 95 silver Franklin Medals @ \$1.10	\$104.50
" 95 " City " @ \$1.10	104.50
	<u>\$209.00</u>

Dear Sir,

You will please pay the amount
of the above bill to the Adams Express Co.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Newell,
Director of the Mint

John D. Filbrick Esq
Supt. Boston Cust. Schore }

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 14th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$ 29,859.17 in Gold Coins in ac of invoice No 196.

As per receipt and memorandum enclosed
I have this day transmitted Twelve boxes Silver bullion
weighing 23,063.28 ozs. Net value \$ 28,885.44
Contains Gold \$ 1439.46 net. I will thank you to
credit half dollars for the former, and Gold Coins
for the latter.

I have to request that you will re-
port the fineness of No 672 and 673, as the depositor
of those numbers, desires a verification by the result
of our assays.

Very Respectfully

J Sturgison Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. M. J. C. B. Co
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
June 4th 1858.

No. 199

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
 7 *inches* " " 2301/3.28 *ozs* Silver "

Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 30324.90
 Thirty Thousand, Three Hundred & Twenty
 Four 97/100 dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
 Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 11 1858

Adams Express Co. J. P. Baker

W. Granville June 4th 1858
Mr James Ross Snowden

Dear Sir, I sent

to your address on the 17th of last May & as yet have recd
no return for \$50 by count of the Spanish Coin \$35 in
Spanish Quarters \$10 in Spanish Eighths & \$5 in
Sixteenths & thinking perhaps that you might have neg-
lected to open the box until you recd the invoice but
if you had opened the box you would have found invoice
inside, The above coin was sent on the 17th of May &
marked by the Expressman at the Express Office

Please send the rents for the above at your earliest
convenience to the address of R. H. Chapin Portland
Portland Co New York & Oblige,

Yours Truly

R. H. Chapin

Recd May 20

Forwarded June 9 -

Per J. V. Johnson

Thompson

Phila 5 June 1858

Dear Sir

The experience of years having shown that the Copper market is lowest in the month of June of the whole year, and the present depressed state of business, resulting from the financial difficulties of last Fall, lowering the price of ~~the~~ pure Lake Superior Copper to (23) twenty three cents pr. pound, I submit to your consideration the question, whether it may not be desirable for the Mint to make a heavy purchase of this metal, say 50,000 or 100,000 lbs. at the present moment. Beside the low figure at which it is offered, I submit the following reasons for such a purchase. 1. Our last purchase, made less than a year since, of 50,000 lbs. is nearly worked up, & we shall on this act be obliged soon to purchase. — 2. We shall probably be obliged to sell our copper for 20 cts. or perhaps a little over, at which rate the Mint will lose a considerable amount on the exchange between the new & old cent; and as it may be regarded as almost certain that the price of Lake Copper will rise, the employment of latter, at 23 cts., in the new cent

will compensate for the loss on the sale of the old cent-copper. From direct estimations I have found the cost of the old cent, paid by the new, stands us at about 25 cts. pr. lb. and a sale of it below that figure is so much expense on the cent act. . .

3. Since the parties refining Nickel & Cobalt cannot purchase large quantities of Copper for cash, and therefore not at such a low figure as it is now offered to us; I propose, in order to keep down the cost of the new cent as low as possible, to supply those parties with our copper, as we have frequently done heretofore, we always securing ourselves by holding more of their alloy on hand than they do of our Copper.

4. In conversation with you on this point you supposed that we might take 50,000 lb. Lake Copper at 23 cts. but at the rate at which we have been making the new cent during the last six months, 50,000 lbs. would only be a supply for about 9 weeks. I am therefore solicitous that we should have a larger supply, ~~in order~~ say 100,000 lbs., in order that by its purchase at a low rate, we will be certain to cover our loss on the sale of nearly 100,000 lbs. of the old cent copper. If supplied, as I suggest, to the

parties supplying the Cent alloy, the 100,000 lbs. would only last from 4 to 6 months. The cost of it will be only \$23,000 which will be very soon returned by the issue of the new Cent.

On these grounds, I recommend decidedly that it is our interest to purchase 100,000 lbs. Lake Copper instead of 50,000 lbs., but submit the question to your consideration.

Respectfully yours
J. L. Booth
M. & R.

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

approved to purchase of 100,000 lbs.

J. R. U.

Mr R. B. Bork

Mr R. B. Bork

Recommend
Purchase of 10000
pounds copper —
Purchase

Authorized —

June 7, 1888. —

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

Jan 5th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
\$ 78,925.37 in Silver Coins, in payment for in-
voice No 198.

Very Respectfully,

D Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Esco

Treasurer

From

J J Leisco

New York

June 5th 1858

Wm. June 6. 58

Sir:

Two persons will be tried in the District Court of the U.S. at this place on Tuesday next, for making & passing counterfeit coin - The point of the proof requisite to convict them will be the similitude of the counterfeit coin to the genuine coin of the U.S. made at the Mint - That there may be no possible defect or embarrassment in the proof I desire the attendance of some officer of the mint or ^{employed in it &} person conversant with its operations, who shall bring with him ^{genuine} pieces of coin ~~see~~ from the mint of the denominations, viz: a silver half dollar, quarter dollar & dime, and a quarter Eagle -

When it is inconvenient to comply with this request I would

not make it, in doubtless I
might get along with other
proof to the same point: but
supposing such a person as I
have asked for might come:
= niently be spared one day I deem
it better to be furnished with
the most authoritative sort of
testimony -

The person coming will
of course receive his compensation
as a witness, sufficient to pay
his expenses -

This note will be handed
to you by Mr Richard G Cooper,
a student of law, who can
be consulted on to any point
I have not mentioned -

Very Resp'y,

Yr obt Serv't,

Daniel Bates,

U. S. Atty

Dist. Ct.

From To
Samuel Bates Esq
U. S. Attorney
Birmingham ~~Alabama~~
Delaware

Desires a person
sent from the Mint
to give testimony
in prosecution
for counterfeiting. —

Mr Eckels
Sent. —

June 7. 1838. —

June 7. 8

Dear Sir,

This note will be handed to you by Mr. George Eckfeldt, foreman in the Engraver's Department of the Mint. I send him to your City in compliance with the request contained in your letter of yesterday.

Mr. Eckfeldt is entirely competent to give the information you desire, and will take with him the specimens of the coins you have indicated.

I am, with great respect,

Yours obt. servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Samuel Bates Esq,

U. S. Attorney

Delaware District,

Wilmington City.

Tom & Co

Hon Mr Underwood

Hon Mr Phillips

Hon Reps.

Washington City

As to Mr Rents
Machine for separating
precious metals from
mineral. —

Mr Rents Letter to J. D.
enclosed ~~has not~~ herewith.

June 7, 1838. —

Washington June 5 1858

Dear Sir

I have just learned that a letter has been addressed to you by Mr Phillips, or Mr Underwood (both of whom I have seen) in reference to the subject, about which I called upon you last night, and to which you promised me your aid, if you found that you could do so with propriety. By act of Providence, the letter now addressed to you gives you a favorable opportunity to decide my case favorably or unfavorably, and relying on your friendship and kind promises, I sincerely hope that you will give such an answer by return mail as will save me from any further anxiety or suspense. To aid you in this, I send herewith copies of the Reports, and all the evidence which I submitted to Congress, and as this evidence is from Government Officers in whom you have confidence, you can endorse all that has been said or done. My case is now entirely in your hands, and upon your answer to Mr Phillips or Mr Underwood, I have to rely for success or defeat. I shall be obliged to remain here

some days until my case is decided and my
health improved, (as I am now sick with excite-
ment and fatigue) and will call upon you at
the Mint on my return, agreeably to your request.

Yours very truly
& with great esteem

Hon J. Ross Snowden

Director Mint of the United States
Philadelphia

Edward R. Kent

P. S. Please do not delay, as Congress adjourns
on Thursday, and the last few days will be spent
on other matters than private bills.

No of Dps June 5. 1858

Dr Sir

We enclose you a copy
of the Bill & Report for the
benefit of Edward N Kent, by
which you will perceive it is
proposed to pay him \$20.000
for the Use of his Patented Ma-
chines & profits for schooling
Myself &c. We have some
doubts as to its merits but
are unwilling to withhold a
just reward to a meritorious
claimant, upon our suspicions
will you therefore be so good
as to write to us ~~by~~ leave to
reach us by the earliest mail
on Monday, giving us the
facts in regard to Mr Kent
in verbatim - How came
the Government of the U S to

us - Mr Kent apparatus without
first giving him an adequate
compensation? - Was it not
at his own instance a request
or did not the Government in
fact pay him for it? -

What is the cost of the construc-
tion of the apparatus? And
has that cost been borne
by Mr Kent, or by the U. S. Govt?

Is the apparatus a distinct
& independent machine - or
some modification or change
of some pre existing machine?

These points are hastily
suggested by us, knowing of
course - nothing about the sub-
ject - but soliciting to know
so much as will guide them
as to correct current

us at

We are most truly

Yr obt servt

Wm L. Garrison

Henry M. Phillips

Hon. James R. Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Jan 27. 8.

Dear Sir:

I received this morning your communication of the 5th inst respecting Mr. Kent's apparatus, to which I hasten to reply. The apparatus in question is a very valuable improvement upon the machine heretofore used, & securing gold and silver from the Mint Sweeper, an fact and willing and cheerful testimony to its merits. But on the question of compensation, and the right of the Government to use this apparatus, (in respect to which you present several inquiries,) I ~~am constrained to say~~ beg to present an extract from a letter I wrote to Mr. Hunter of the Senate under date of Feb. 18. 1837. "I have ever avowed it as a general principle, and still see no reason to depart from it, that all improvements made by an officer of the Government

in the Special department committed to his charge, and with the facilities afforded by his official station, and the property of the government. Now, it is to be noted that the improvements in question were made whilst that gentleman (Mr. Kent) was an officer of the government and employed in the particular branch of business to which it relates; and, that it was his duty to separate as far as practicable the good and bad from the hoards which accumulated in his department. And, he was furnished with the apparatus & tools used, and with workmen, and other means to perform the work for the government. Under these circumstances and circumstances I am of the opinion that the mint and its branches, and the assay office have the right to use the improved apparatus without compensation.

I have always entertained the opinion that the government had a right to use

Mr. Kent's apparatus, and accordingly in
my letter of the 15th of October 1855 to
the Superintendent of the assay office at
New York (published in Mr. Kent's pamphlet)
I stated that I would "direct the Mint
and Refiner of the Mint to change our
apparatus so as to secure the advantages
of the new mode which Mr. Kent has so
fortunately hit upon."

In answer to ^{your} further inquiries I add
that the cost of the construction of the
apparatus for ^{the establishment}
is about \$400, and that expense
been borne by the government.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect

~~James P. Henderson,~~
James P. Henderson,
Director of the Mint,
& Hon. Mr. Phillips,
House of Representatives,
Washington City.

Boston, June 7. 1858

Agent of U S Mint
Philad^a

Sir

We noticed an advertisement of Ingot Copper made of old Cents - Will you have the goodness to let us know your price for them, & the quantity you have, or are likely to make, & if a contract can be made for one year, the quality to be equal to Baltimore Ingot Copper.

Respectfully Yours
Winslow Batchelder

Nos. 99 State and 18 Doane Streets.

Boston,

From To

Winslow Batchelder & Co.
Boston

Sale of old
copper at the
Mint.

Am S. & B. F. —

Stephen Washington. Co
N.Y June 8 1858

Superintendents of the Mint
Or Sir

I take the Liberty
to enquire of you about Spanish coin what
way do you Exchange it for American coin
and how much do you give per ounce by weight
we have quite a quantity on hand and want
to dispose of it at the best advantage if you
can inform us we would be very much
oblige let us know as soon as possible

Respectfully yours
Wm. Kilgus & Cleveland

Syracuse June 8th 1858.
James Ross Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Philada Penn.

Dear Sir.

We send you
to day One hundred & forty five Dollars
\$145⁰⁰ in Spanish & Mexican coin in
Eighths & Sixteenths of a dollar, as follows
\$115 Dollars Eighths in packages of \$5 =
30 " Sixteenths do do

We wish to exchange
the amts above named for the new cent
pieces, & in making up the packages we
have been careful to follow your regulations
as per circular of Apr 27/57.

Respectfully Yours
Wm. A. White & Co

Rec'd & deposited June 10
The Treasurer

JUNE-8-1858

Baltimore

June 8. 1858

Sar Ross Snowden Esq

Director U.S. Mint

Philad

Dear Sir

Will be so good enough
to inform us if the piece of green the Copper
Ingots for which you write proposals, is
a pure article of Copper & if not what
impurities exist in it and their portable
proportions. We purpose making a test
for it & desire the above information in order
to do so intelligently, as it is not convenient
for us to go to your City to examine the article &
make the necessary enquiries in person.

Yours very respectfully
Thompson & Understep

Tom L

Thompson & Oakes boys

Pal

Russ & Copper

Jan 11. 1838

Gentlemen.

I have received your letter
of the 8th inst.

The copper cents were all
made from good English Rolled copper
and no alloy was put into it. The old
cents have been melted into bars
of about 12 pounds each in black
lead crucibles, without adding
any thing to them.

Very Respectfully,

Saml. Ross Snowden.

Director of the Mint.

Messrs Thompson & Oudessays
No. 57 South Gay Street,
Baltimore
Maryland

F. B. LEONARD, President.
ALEXANDER WALSH, Cash.

INCORPORATED 1813.
RE-ORGANIZED 1855.

Bank of Lansingburgh,

Lansingburgh, N. Y. June 8 1858

United States Mint

Dear Sir,

Have you rec^d \$200. of silver sent you
on 126th st?

And when can I expect the return,
namely - cents?

Yours &c
A. W. Walsh & Co

Departed May 28 - Have \$4000 - to draw before
I can reach this loc

Thompson

Dep^{td} May 28th

Mr Gifford please
report on these letters
HRS L

JUNE-9-1858

Buffalo 9 June 1838

To the Officer of the US Mail

I wish to ascertain if the
enclosed Copper is Counterfeit or genuine — will you
state to me in writing & return the coin by return of
mail & much oblige

Yours &c

Byron Schermerhorn
186 Main St
Buffalo N.Y.

The cent is of the proper specific gravity, and is in
fact genuine, tho' much mutilated and reduced
in weight, i.e. from 168 grs to 145; perhaps by the
action of an acid, & light taps of a hammer.

From L. M. Pym Sherman
Buffalo
N. Y.

but enclosed
supposed to be a
counterfeit. —

Dec 11. 1858. —

June 11, 8.

Sir,

The copper cent enclosed in your letter of the 9th inst is genuine, tho' much mutilated and reduced in weight, i. e. from 168 grains to 140; perhaps by the action of an acid, and light taps of a hammer.

Very Respectfully,

James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Byron Schermernow
186 Main St.
Buffalo,
N.Y.

P.S. The cent is
returned herewith.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 9th 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt and invoice
No 200. of Eleven boxes Silver Bullion, Transmitted this
day by The Adams Express Company, Weighing Gross
21.169.72 Ozs. net value \$ 25,474.22 contains gold,
\$ 106.71 net. for which I will thank you to re-
mit, respectively half dollars & gold coins.

As yet I have received no acknowledgement
of Silver Bullion (No 199) Transmitted on the 4th inst.

Very Respectfully

D Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J. C. Wco

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco

New York

June 9 1888

No. 200 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Boxes containing Gold Bullion,
Churn " " 21169.72 ozs Silver "
Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 25,580.93
Twenty five Thousand, five hundred
& Eighty 93/100 dollars.

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 9 1858

Adams Express Co. R. J. Babcock

Boston, June 9, 1858

Jas Ross Snowden Esq
Director U S Mint

Dear Sir

We wrote in regard to
the Regol Copper a few days since
and are disposed to purchase the
lot provided the quality is satis-
-factory, If you will have the good-
-ness to send us a few Regol for
trial we will bid for the whole
lot & pay the same for the sam-
-ple, that the residue is sold for
if we do not bid as high as other
parties & get the whole -

If you send, please send by ex-
-press & oblige Your Obedt Servts
Wm Smith Batchelder & Co

ps Can you inform us whether the
old cents are pure copper or
alloyed & if so what per cent -

Nos. 99 State and 18 Doane Streets.

Boston,

Yours

Hudson, Batchelder & Co.
Boston. —

Respectfully
Yours
J. S. A. —

June 16. 1838. —

June 8.

Gentlemen,

I have received your letter of the
7th inst.

The object of the advertisement
to which you refer is to procure bids for
the copper offered for sale. We will be
pleased to receive a bid from you for the
same at such rate per pound as you
may think proper to offer.

For your information I may state
that the copper cents were all made
from good English Rolled copper and no
alloy put into it. These old cents have
been melted into bars of about 12 pounds each in
black lead crucibles without adding anything
to them.

The quantity now offered for sale
is about 96,000 pounds. When this is disposed

and
of a considerable quantity (say 50 to 100
pounds) has again accumulated, an
opportunity will be given for parties to
make bids therefor as in the present
instance.

I am, Very Respectfully
Yours,
Samuel R. Snow
Director of the Mint

Messrs Winslow, Batchelder & Co.
No. 99 State Street,
Boston.

Office of U. S. Atty, Del. Dist,
Wilm., June 9. 1858

James Robt Snowden Esq;
Director of the Mint;
Phila. }

Dear Sir;

I have to thank you for your attention
to my request in sending Mr Eckfeldt to attend
the trials in our District Court yesterday for passing
counterfeit coin - His presence was serviceable to me.

With Great Respect,

Your Obedt Servt,

David M Bates

U. S. Atty, Del. Dist.

From

Daniel M Bates Esq
U. S. District Attorney
Delaware City
Wilm Blount

Thanks for sending
Mr Eckert. / attended
trial of counterfeiters -

June 9. 1838. -

Chicago June 10 1858
Mr P A McInt
Phila

Dear Sir Can You
Supply us with new Cent. coins,
for Gold? and if so in what
quantities & how delivered?
An early answer will
Oblige
T D Carter & Co

361

From

J B Carter & Co

Chicago

June 10 1888

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HONESDALE BANK.

Honesdale, Pa. June 10th 1858,

Lat R Snawden Esq Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

Your favor of the

is received with enclosure.

I have forwarded to the Mint
by Express. \$110. in old Cents, for which please
send me their value of new Cents and oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
L. Snawden
as

De Witt, Clinton Co. Iowa
June 10th 1858

Dr Sir,

I wish to obtain some of the new
Coined "Cents" for circulation in this section
of Country, and write to ask how it can
be done. Can you sell me 30 or \$25 worth
and at what rates? Can I forward you
a draft for the amount, or must it be
silver or Gold? Can they be forwarded
per express, to this point? We have
an agency of the Am. Ex. Co. in our City

By answering this you will
Confer a favor upon your obt Servt

J. A. Howig

To the Treasurer
U S Mint
Philad. }

.53	
1.91	
1.50	
.41	
.38	.24
24	
.14	

To
From

F A Hough
Dr Witt Ohio
June 10 1888

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

June 10. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and invoice (N^o 201)
enclosed, I have this day forwarded by The
Adams Express Company, two boxes gold bullion,
weighing 4,023.98 ozs. net value of \$82,146.38
for which I will thank you to remit double
eagles at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

P. Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Cisco
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco

New York

June 10 1888

No. 201

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Two Box containing 4023.98 ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 82146.38

Eighty two thousand, One hundred
forty six ³⁸/₁₀₀which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 10 1858

Adams Express J. B. Oberer

Boston, June 10 1838

Jas Ross Snowden Esq
Phila^{del}a

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor
of 8th inst is at hand & we thank
you for the information therein
contained concerning the Copper -

We have no doubt of the purity
of the Copper from the informa-
-tion given us & which we sought
in a subsequent letter, Still its
value is affected by Shape of the
bars & Colour of the Copper, If
the bars are in the Shape of the
Boltonian or Western Ingots & of the
bright Copper colour we should bid
higher than if it is cast in bars
difficult to break & of a dark or
smoky appearance. Can you ad-
-vise us on these points? Truly Yours
Winslow Batchelder & Co

Nos. 99 State and 18 Doane Streets.

Boston,

J
My
Messrs Anselm Patchell & Co
Boston

Copper

Jan 11. 1838. -

1. ~~From the pay of persons absent~~
on account of sickness. A
deduction of ten per cent will
be made from the pay of persons
absent on account of sickness.
2. If such absence exceeds 13 days
in any month, the deduction
will be increased to fifty
per cent.
3. In all cases of absence on account
of sickness a certificate from
a practicing physician ^{will} ~~be~~
be required.
4. In all cases of absence from
any other cause there will be
a deduction of fifty per
cent.
5. Deductions for absences during
working hours will be made
in proportion to such absences.

Order
Director U.S. Mint.

To Chief Coiner + Melter
+ Refiner ~~and~~

11th June 1858-

Im

H. A. White & Co. Syracuse N.Y.
Bank of Lancaster " "
Amesdale Bank Pa

H. A. White & Co. for
New York

Jan 11. 1855. —

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

June 12 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$ 30,324.90
in Silver and Gold Coins, in payment for invoice
No 199.

Very Respectfully

P Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Sco
Treasurer.

From

J J Cisco
New York

June 12th 1858

JUNE 12, 1858

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia June 23rd 1858.

Sir:

In return for the \$300 draft enclosed in your
letter of 12 th. inst., I this day forward to you by
Adam & Co's. Express, \$296.89
and the balance of the amount \$3.11 in coins as
requested by you.

For this delivery you will please find
receipt of Express Co. enclosed.

Respy. Yours &c.

Samuel R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Sawrence Smith & Co.
Louisville, Kentucky.

Louisville Ky June 12th
1858

Mr. R. P. Shinden
Dear Sir

I will take the
liberty of troubling you again
about Silver - Enclosed you
will find a draft for 300.⁰⁰ for
which please forward me
a bar of Silver - Your
attention to this will be
much oblige

Yours truly

Lawrence Smith

105.07.

170
22.50
7.00

25.00
17.50

From Wm. I. Smith,
Louisville, Ky.

June 23^d 88.

\$300. worth Silver band sent.

Savatoja Ferris Dec 14/38
Director U. S. Mint -
Philadelphia }

Dr. Sir

Will you receive
twenty five or thirty dollars in Spanish
Coin at the old rates and give
in Exchange Pennies of the new
issue? Please answer by return
of Mail & oblig'd

Yours Truly

D. R. Wilson

Circular Sent -

From

D. R. Wilson Esq
Saratoga Springs
N. Y.

Exchange
new cuts. —

June 17. 1878. —

Whitula Ohio June 14/58

To the Director of the
Mint of the United States
Dear Sir

We have sent to you per
Express \$40. in '44
\$10. " '48

Please return the same
amount in Coin of the "new Cent"
in accordance with ^{your} Circular

Truly Yours

Smith & Lockwood
H.

Circular sent.

2
Wm Smith Lockwood

Astutula

Ohio

Exchange

per cent.

Jan 17. 1838. —

June 18th 8

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 15th not communicating the offer of Mr. Julius Kockel of Dresden in Saxony for our Mint pieces. You will please inform Mr. Kockel that the price he proposes is given and not satisfactory, and that his offers are therefore respectfully declined.

I am, very respectfully
Your obt. servant,

James Ross Snowden,
Director of the U.S. Mint.

Mr. Lazarus Dorman
Banker,
Chicago.
Illinois.



Chicago, Ill June 15 1858.

To the Director of the U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

Mr. Julius Kockel of Dresden Saxony to whom you have sent some samples of Snappings has answered to me about the same & make the following offer.

Cent	
14	17 ³ / ₁₀
11.9	18 ² / ₁₀
9.8	11 ⁴ / ₁₀
6	12 ¹ / ₁₀
41.3	59.7

for Snappings Nos 1 to 90	\$280 00 per Ton
" " " 90 " 100	288 00 " "
" " " 100 " 110	196 00 " "
" " " 110 " 120	182 00 " "

he request me to say that if you agree to these prices you may make him a first Shipment for the Amount of \$900 ⁰⁰/₁₀₀; So that he can make a fair trial.

Mr Kockel offers also to pay all freight & charges thus the above figures will be paid net to you.

You will please inform me if these propositions suit you Also how much of the stuff you have on hand to dispose of. Awaiting your Answer I remain

N.B.

The stuff must be perfectly dry.

Your Very Respectfully
Lazarus Silverman

June 18
To
Mr. L. S. Loomis
Chicago
Ill

Read of Mr. R. K.
for Sups. -
Declined

June 18, 1855.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 15th 1858

Sir I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$80,000. in gold coins, in payment for balance due on invoice N^o 196.

As per receipt of the Adams Express Company, and statement enclosed, I have this day transmitted three boxes of fine gold bars, weighing 9787.16 ozs. net value \$199,908.03 for which I will thank you to remit double eagles at your earliest convenience: a similar amount will be forwarded tomorrow.

Very Respectfully

P. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. W.

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York

June 15-1858

40.84.0h

52

43.00

11.56.2.76

40.84.0h

40.82.2.76

42

36.62.2.76

68.48.00

14.38.1.97

93.84

15.39.8.15

411

1.44

35.10

41.52

106

103

302

385

844

3290

2440

5600

84

276

330

400

1000

No. 202

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Three Boxes containing 9787.66 ozs Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 199,908.03

One Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand,

Nine Hundred Eight $\frac{3}{100}$ dollarswhich we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mints at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York,

June 15 1858

Wm. C. Phelps

JUNE-15-1858

Wm L
L Dixon Esq
Jersey City

Trial of crucibles

June 1st, 1838. —

Office of Melted & Refiner
U. S. Mint.

6 pots n^o 60 $\approx$
with coarsens.

Phila 15 June 1858

Dear Sir

During the last nine years we have repeatedly obtained pots from Dixon & Co. Jersey City, and altho they have sometimes proved of excellent quality, yet, as compared with those from the Taunton works, they were on the whole inferior, being much more irregular in their quality? — They employed Dixon's Pots at the Assay Office, N. Y. at first, but I have since understood that they procure them from other sources, in consequence of their want of uniformly good quality.

I would therefore recommend that you ascertain those facts of the Sup^t of the Assay Office, — and at the same time order samples to be sent by J Dixon & Co. to this Mint for trial before ordering a lot.

x n^o 60. with coarsens.

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director U S Mint

Very truly yours
Jas^l Booth
M & R

JUNE-15-1858

Print of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

J. J. Butternorth
Dep. U. S. Assessor
N. Y.

Respect of their
trial of Liberty
Crucible. —

June 15, 1832

June 15. 8.

Sir,

I have to-day received a letter from Messrs D. Dickson & Co. of Jersey City asking us to try their crucibles - stating that they have made some recent improvement in their manufacture. We have some time ago tried them, but did not find them to be uniformly good, and therefore refused to have them and obtain from the American works. As you have, I learn, tried Dickson & Co's pots I would be glad to learn whether they are satisfactory or not.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours ob^d servant,

James R. Thompson,
Director of the Mint.

Sam^l H. Patterson Esq,
Sup^t of the Office,
New York.

Chas. M. Falls (June 13th 1858)
Directors of U.S. Mint
at Philadelphia

Gentlemen

I noticed the other day
a floating news paper
saying that you
received the Spanish coins
such as the \$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{1}{16}$ the
old Par. in exchange for
the new cent is such
the case & if so do you
determine the value by the
face? or weight? of the
coin = do you exchange
other than the new cent for
old silver = that is = silver
of a later date such as $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{10}$
30's & 50's = do you pay any
premium on our home
coinage (old) or any
other foreign coin except
Spanish

If you have any tables
of prices - or will inform
me - if they will warrant
the expert & honest I
will try & clear out some
of the - corn mentioned
- should I have to pay
charges one or each?
may - & what would
be the best mode of
sending it from
Cleveland, O,

Yours inform &
obliged yours

W. S. Wilkman

Wm. S. McKim Esq
Chas in Town
Ohio

Purchase of
a Silver at
the Mint. —

Ausby circular

Am 18. 1858. —

JUNE-15-1858

From To

U.S. V. Julia Percha B.C.

N.Y.

Per t. payment
for Packing & Belting

Am 15.188.

A. S. Vulcanized Gutta Percha Belting and Packing Co.

OFFICE, 66 LIBERTY STREET.

New York;

June 12th 1858

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a, }

Sir,
Please

send us Dft on this City
for Am^t. of enclosed Bill
& oblige^y

Yours Respectfully
A. S. Gutta Percha Co
per Boughton

P.S. Please state your
opinion of the Goods,

A. S. Vulcanized Gutta Percha Belting and Packing Co.

OFFICE, 66 LIBERTY STREET.

New York, May 18th, 1858.

In all your future correspondence with our Company, instead of directing your communications to "Henry Smith & Son," you will please address us direct, as follows,

"U. S. Vulc. Gutta P. Belting and Packing Co.

No. 66 Liberty Street,

NEW YORK."

By order of Trustees,

E. M. BOUGHTON,

Secretary.

United States Vulcanized Gutta Percha Belting & Packing Co.

OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE, 66 LIBERTY STREET,

order No 117

New York, June 1858

Mint of the United States, at Phila,

Bought of U. S. Vulc. Gutta Percha Belting & Packing Co.

1858

Apr 23	12 th	7/8 in Round Packing	\$1.	1200
	6 th	3/4 " " " "	\$1.	600
				<u>\$ 1800</u>

also verbal order to "Mr Bryan",

when in your City Apr. 15th tank

Apr 30	42 ft	10 in 5 Ply Belting	90	3780
	39 "	10 " 5 " "	90	<u>3510</u>

7290
\$ 90.90

Copy

Wm. U. S. June 14th 1858

James Ross Inman Esq,
Director
Beards,

I submit for your action a letter
from the U. S. M. & P. B. P. Co. dated 12th inst requesting
the transmission of a draft on N. Y. for the amount of their
enclosed Bill for packing & belting. I beg leave to remind
you that the items of belting in his bill under date
of April 30, amt to 7290 yds at the solicitation
of their Mr Bryan rec^d for an experimental trial.
If the belting proved satisfactory it was to be retained;
otherwise it was to be returned. Since we
received it, on or about the 1st May, we have
given it a fair trial at our rolls, and find
it will not answer at all. The belting
stretches and becomes loose and is only
kept in its place by the housings and belt holes.
We changed it on Saturday but I find on
examination this morning that it is
already loose and spreads over the side of
the pulley, it will not answer and I am
therefore constrained to recommend its
return to the company in accordance

with the understanding with Mr Ryan -
The packing included in said
bill amounting to \$18 - was ordered
by me on 22nd April. - The Engineer has
given it a trial also and reports
that it will not answer.

Signed G R Chiles

C.C.

June 10, 8.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the
12th inst.

Herewith I enclose a report from
the chief clerk of the Mint, giving the details
of the trial of your Packing & Holding.

If you will send me a duplicate
receipted bills for the packing furnished
on the 23^d of June last I will remit you
the amount thereof say \$18.

The billing will be hereafter
to your order.

Respectfully,
R. H. R. R. R. R. R.

C. M. Foughton Esq.
U. S. District Court, D. C.

Director of the Mint.

No. 66 Liberty Street

N. Y.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 16th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$ 25,474.22
in Silver Coins, and \$ 106.71 in Gold Coins, in
payment for invoice N^o 200.

Enclosed you have the
Adams Express Company's receipt, together with invoice
N^o 203. of three boxes fine gold bars, weighing gross
7714.92 Ounces; net value \$ 154,573.34 for
which I will thank you to remit double eagles in
payment.

Very Respectfully

J Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. M. J. Cisco

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
June 16 1858

No. 203

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Three Boxes containing 7714.92 ozs Gold Bullion,
 " " " " Silver "
 Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$ $157,573.34$
 One hundred & fifty seven thousand
 Five hundred Seventy three $\frac{34}{100}$ Dollars
 which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
 of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
 Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 16, 1858

Adams Express Co. *R. P. Ober*

United States Assay Office,

New York, June 16, 1858.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th inst.

No trial has recently been made at this Office of Dixon's coins, and I am therefore unable to speak of their character since the "recent improvement" which Mess. D. & Co. claim to have made.

The result of trials heretofore made by Mr. Kent was the conviction that, for Mint purposes, the Tainton coins were decidedly superior.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

S. D. Butterworth

Sup

Wm. J. R. Menden, {
Director of the Mint. }

From

Saml J. Butterworth
Supt U.S. Survey Office
N.Y.

Respecting crucibles
made by Dixon & Co.

June 17, 1858.

And.

Tacoma June 17. 1858.

David Sturgeon.

Treas. U.S. Mint.

We have received
your favor of the 15th inst. - informing
us that our offer for Copper, has been
accepted.

In reference to the packing
of the Copper, we would say, that
the old kegs, and any boxes that
will hold the metal, will be all
we require -

Our friend, Mr Wm. F. Grant,
of your city, will receive the Copper
and make payments for the same.
and also satisfy himself in regard
to the weights -

We are willing to receive a
few thousand pounds of Copper, more
than was stated in our advertisement.

Yours. Very Respectfully
Grover B. F. G.

From

Crocker, Bros. & Co

Taunton, Mass.

Rec'd

June 19/58

Baltimore June 19. 1858

Dan Sturgeon Esq

Treasr. U.S. Mint

Phila

Sir

We have yr note of 15 inst^o
declining our Bid of 10¢ for the Copper Ingots,
If the Copper has not been disposed of
& you can name a price for 20, or 25 with
the privilege of the 96 or 100, we will be
pleased to know it & if we can meet you
in the terms, we will be pleased to do so,

Yours very respectfully

Thompson & Underhills

From

Thompson & Underhugs

/ Baltimore

June 19 1858

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/JUNE

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/JUNE

Wm J To
John A Hicks
Schranan
N. Y.
Albany

Statutes of
Cornage

Aug 9. 1838. -

A. DOUBLEDAY, PRESIDENT.
C. W. SANFORD, V. PRESIDENT.
WM. R. OSBORN, CASHIER.

CAPITAL \$200,000.

Bank of Binghamton,

Binghamton, N. Y. *Nov 30th 1858.*

Mr. J. Sumner Esq

Supt. to

Dear Sir:

*Do you recd. adv.
from Dep't for same by W. R. in New York?*

*Yrs Resp
W. R. Osborn*

Circular sent

Dr
Wm R. O'Shea
Cash r. & c
Poughkeepsie
N.Y.

Poughkeepsie
Live

Circle Sent

July 2, 1887. —

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

June 30 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$ 194,202. 69 in Gold and Silver Coins, in payment for invoices No 203 and 207. of which \$ 20000. in Silver Coins, are to be replaced with Gold, in the payment of the next Silver invoice.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Serv

D Sturgison Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Geo
Treasurer

Dear

Mr. J. C. C. C.
(New
York)

Dear

July 1/58

A. S. Vulcanized Gutta Percha Belting and Packing Co.

OFFICE, 66 LIBERTY STREET.

New York,

June 30 1858

Minst of the U. States

Genl

W

Recd. your letter some time
since, in reference to the
stretching of the G.P. Belting
and should have replied
at once, but for the
great press of business,
We are surprised at your
report, as it is of a very
different character from
those we receive from others,
you will oblige us by
tightening up the Belts,
& keep them running
till we see you in a few
days.

Yours Resp,

W. S. Gutta Percha Co
in Boston

From
H. S. Gutter Perchab:
N. Y.

Respecting Betting

July 1, 1885

NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY



Regents of the University of the State of New York

(ex officio)

TRUSTEES OF THE STATE LIBRARY

Albany June 29 1858

Dear Sir,

Will you cause to be filled up the blanks on the next page, and return to me, as soon as your convenience will allow.

The totals of the conveyance of each piece during 1836 & 1837 is what I desire.

You will thereby much oblige

Yours Truly

John Hickox

Col. J. Robt. Knickerbocker
U.S. Mint Director

Gold coinage

	Double Eagles	Eagles	Half Eagles	Three Dollars
	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces
1836	1,513,878	148,490	350,333	60,510
1837	1,439,875	48,106	246,594	34,891

Gold coinage - cont.

	Quarter Eagles	Dollars
	Pieces	Pieces
1836	485,247	1,788,996
1837	318,494	801,602

Silver Coinage

	Half Dollar	Quarter Dollar	Dimes
	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces
56	63,500	3,807,000	8,518,000
57	94,000	2,964,000	10,906,000

Silver coinage cont.

Copper coinage

Silver coinage		Copper coinage	
Half Dimes	Three Cents	Cents	Half Cents
Pieces	Pieces	Pieces	Pieces
1836 5,980,000	1,458,000	2,690,463	40,430
1837 8,660,000	7,012,000	17,833,456	35,180
8,660,000	1,012,000		

Recapitulation

Whole coinage
in
Pieces

Whole coinage
in
value

1836 33,870,966.
1837. 51,552,354

\$ 64,567,142.30
60,532,365.91

Statement of the amount of coinage executed
at the Mint of the U. States and its Branches in
no of pieces during the years 1856 + 57

Denomination

1856

1857

Double Eagles

1,513,878

1,439,875

Eagles

148,490

48,106

Half Eagles

350,333

246,594

Three Dollars

60,510

34,891

Quarter Eagles

485,247

318,494

Dollars (fora)

1,788,996

801,602

Fine Bars

4,937

7,316

Impure Bars

928

-

Dollars

63,500

94,000

Half Dollars

3,807,000

2,964,000

Quarter Dollars

8,518,000

10,906,000

Dimes

6,960,000

7,120,000

Half Dimes

5,980,000

8,660,000

Three Cent Pieces

1,458,000

1,042,000

Fine Bars

254

840

Cents

2,690,463

17,833,466

Half Cents

40,430

35,180

Total Pieces Coin'd

Total Value

1856 33,870,966

\$64,567,142.30

1857 51,552,354

\$60,532,365.91

Gold

Silver

Copper

Mint of the U. States.
Philadelphia July 8. 1858.

Dear Sir,
In compliance
with your recent letter I send
you enclosed a statement
of the coinage at the
Mint of the U. States & its
branches for the years
1856. & 1857.

Very Respectfully,
Yours obediently,
Samuel Rockwood,
Director U. S. Mint.

John H. Beckley
State Library
Albany?
New York.

Boston June 29/58

To the Director U.S.M. Phila

Dr Sir

June 8th

I forwarded to you by Knolls Express
\$350. in Spanish Coins for New Cents
and I wish to say that if you could
send me a part or the whole of
them this week you would confer upon
me a great favor

I remain Your Res^t
John Davis Jr

Dep^t. June 10th \$350.
Usual time for pay^t is 30 days
after deposit

From

John Davis Jr

Porter

Mass.

Rept. Deposit
for new Cents

Aug 1, 1856. -

The United States Mint

To The Adams Express Co

1858 For Freight and Silver Bullion

May 8 - 11 Boxes from Assay Office New York	25.566.95 @ 150	✓ 38.35
10 5 Kegs - 1134 to " " "	25.566.95 " "	✓ 38.35
11 1 Bag " S. Carey Washington	60.00 "	✓ 50
22 19 Boxes from Assay Office N. York	49,733.93 "	✓ 74.60
24 40 Boxes - 2145 to " " "	49,733.93 "	✓ 74.60
28. 4 Bags " U.S. Department Pittsburg	4.000.00 @ 3-	✓ 12.00
29 11 Boxes from Assay Office N. York	26,922.20 @ 150	✓ 40.38
Amount		<u>\$ 278.78</u>

Geo. H. Vetterly Clerk
Philadelphia June 1. 1858

Received payment

Adams Express Company
per R. H. McLaughlin, Supt

278.78

8 278.78
218.11

496.89

Proposals for Coal & Wood
opened by the Director of the Mint
Phila. June 29. 1855.

Alfred Day.	An L. Coal	4.48. pr Ton	2240 lb
P. L. Brenew	L. Coal	4.40	" " "
Dry Hick & Spruce pine Wood			
In Hickory \$8 pr cord			
Hinwood & Rickards	Spruce Pine	6	✓
Sharp Leisnering & Co.	Lehigh Common Ridge	4.35- pr Ton	2240 ^{pounds}
	L. Coal	4.40	"
Loering & Co.	L	4.75	"
Charles F. Fenberg		4.75-	"
Charles S. Wayne & Co.	L. C.	4.50	"
Chas. Fenberg		4.50	"

Hinwood & Rickards	Hick R \$8	Spr Pine \$6	pr cord
Sammy & Meager	Hickory Spr.	Spruce Pine	6.50 pr cord
Scull & Read	"	9	7.00
Isidiah Wear	Hic	7	Sp Pine 5.50 " "
20 Warr	"	7	" " 5.20
" " "	"	7	" " 5.25-

Contract for coal to Sharp, Leisnering & Co.
" wood to John S. Ward.

Proposals for Work
to be done for Year
ending June 30, 1839

June 30, 1838. -

Proposals for Coal
Charles S. Wayne & Co.
\$4.50 per ton

Phoenix Coal Yard
967 North Front St
Philad^a June 25 1858

Col. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint of the United States

The undersigned would offer to supply the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia with "the best quality of Anthracite Lehigh coal" according to the advertisement inviting Proposals &c at the rate of \$4.⁵⁰/₁₀₀ (Four Dollars and fifty Cents) Per Ton of 2240 lbs.

The quality of our Coal is unsurpassed as is well known to Dr Leidenman & Mr Geo F. Delleka at the Mint & we have also had the testimony of Professor Proth as to its purity, hardness &c &c

Respy
Chas. S. Wayne & Co.

Phil^a June 29th 1858

J R Snowden Esq Director
US Mint Phil^a

We propose to deliver at
the US Mint Phil^a during the
coming year commencing July 1st 1858
& ending June 30th 1859 the quantity &
~~value of our~~ ^{Coal} ~~large round ledge or~~
Mountain as directed by you - at four
\$5⁰⁰ dollars per ton of 2240 lbs

The above Coal is mined exclusively
by ourselves - and is the same Coal
as furnished you during the past
year by Benson & Newton -

we believe the Coal furnished you dur-
ing the past year (which was mined by us) gave
satisfaction & the Coal that we would
~~and would~~ continue to give entire
satisfaction

Yours Respect

Sharpe, Leisensring &
J R Benson atty

Accepted

Proposals for Coal

Shays Lumbering Co.

\$4.35 per ton

Germantown rd & 3rd St

Philad^a June 24 '58

Sir: James R. Snowden

Director of the Mint

Sir

The undersigned propose
to furnish to the mint at
such times & in such quantities
as may be required from the
first day of July next to the
29th June ensuing (1859) the best
quality of Anthracite Lehigh
Coal (of the Lump & Steamship sizes)
free from fine slate & other impu-
rities" (as per advertisement of
29th inst.) for four dollars
and forty cents (\$4.40) per
gross ton of 2240 lbs.

Respectfully

Hooring Roy & Co.

Proposals for Coal
Loering Exp Co
\$440 per Ton

James Rufus Smoot Esq.
D. Sir

I will deliver Hickory
Wood for \$7- per cord and Pine for
\$5.²⁵ per cord, delivered in such
quantities, at the Pt. Mundy Co may
be wanted

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Smoot

Phila. Decr 28/58. Chestnut St. Wharf. Pa

Proposals for third

John S. Haver

Hickory \$7 pr cord

Pine 5.25-

Office of the Columbia Coal and Iron Company,

S. E. Corner Fourth and Walnut Sts.

Philadelphia, June 29 1858
To Col R Snowden
U S Mint

Propose to deliver at the U S
Mint as many tons of Coal
as you would require at
11⁵⁰ per Dolly per Ton of 2240 pounds
To be of our best quality McClellan
Mountain Coal, Specially Selected

Yrs Rpy
J. H. Clark
Pres

P S Army size required

Proposals for coal
Columbia Coal & Iron Co
\$4.50 per ton.

Recd June 29th
at 2 o'clock P.M.

Col. Smarden
& Son

I will agree to deliver
in such quantities as may be
required, Good Hickory Wood for
Seven dollars per cord and Pine at
Five and a quarter per cord

Yours Respectfully

Wm. Driscoll
Phila. Dec 25/58 Chestnut St. Wharf

Germanstown road & Third St.
Phila^a June 4th 1858

Col: James R. Snowden
Treasurer

Dear Sir

We are desirous of entering into a Contract with the Mint to furnish all the coal necessary for that establishment for one year. The Coal we propose to deliver is the purest obtained from the Schuylkill region - viz: - ~~from~~ the Hazelton mines, and is justly celebrated, as the very best article for Steam & Smelting purposes. Our price would be four dollars & fifty cents (\$4.50) per ton of 2240 lbs. We are enabled to purchase coal now at a considerable reduced rate, & if we could make such a Contract with you as above proposed, we would take advantage

of the present prices, & lay in the
whole supply you should require.

We will guarantee a pure article
well cleaned, & selected with great
care

Very respectfully
Hoerrig, Boy & Co.

Messrs
Loring & Co.
Phil^a

Offer to Supply
Mint with Coal

June 4, 1838. —

Philadelphia June 29th 1858

I will Supply the U. S. Mint with
a Genuine Article of Lehigh Coal Such as
Required for the time specified in the
"Press" at fair ⁴⁰2 (or \$4.40) dolls per
ton of 2240^{lbs} — Payments Monthly —

J. C. Brennan
"City Coal Yard"
Broad & Geo Sts.

Proposals for bond

D. C. Brennan

#440

Wila June 23rd 1858

We will deliver you a No 1 article
of Hickory for \$8.00 per cord
No 1 article of Spruce Pine for \$6.50 a
We would much prefer to have
the refusal of a large quantity of
the finest Hickory that comes
to market, and consequently
would be able to supply you regularly
with a good article

Respectfully Yours
Samuel Hager

Proposals for Wood
Jenny & Yeager

Hickory \$8
Pine 6.50

Philadelphia June 29. 1858

Sir

The undersigned propose to furnish and deliver at the United States Mint, Philad^a, the quantity of dry Hickory and Spruce Pine wood that may be required from July 1st 1858 to June 30th 1859, inclusively; the same to be subject to the inspection and approval of the Director of the Mint, and to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as may be required, at the following prices, viz;

Dry Hickory wood at Eight dollars per cord
Spruce Pine wood at Six dollars per cord

Respectfully

Henry Wood Hickland

Almond St. Wharf

Hon. James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Proposals for Wood
Harwood & Rickards

Hickory 18
Pine 6

Philadelphia June 23rd 1858

Dear Sir :

I propose Supplying the U. S. Mint
with a pure Article of Schuylkump, or other Sizes
of Schuylkump Coal to June 30th 1859 at
\$ 4.75 per ton of 2240^{lb} delivered as
it shall be required.

Respectfully
Charles Scribner
18th St. & Pennsylvania Ave.

James Ross Snowden Esq. :

Charles Fenberg
\$4.75 pr Tow
June 29. 1858. -

Philadelphia June 28th 1858

Dear Sir:

I propose supplying the U.
S. Mint at Philadelphia with a
prime Article of Schuylkill Lump Coal,
as well as other Sizes if desired in such
quantities and at such periods as required
at \$4.50 per ton of 2240^{lbs} -

Respectfully Submitted by
Charles Fernberg
18th & Pennsy^a Ave.

Col. D. R. Snowden.

U. S. Mint

Proposal for Coal

Philada

Col. J. Ross Snowden. Director



Philadelphia June 29th 1858

Col. J. Ross Snowden:

Dear Sir:

I left with
You t'other day a proposal for supplying
Your Establishment with Coal I desire to
recall it & have the enclosed substituted.

Excuse the trouble & Believe me Dear Sir

Your most obedient Serv^t.

Charles Fenberg

18th St. & Pennsy. Ave. S.

Proposals for coal

Charles Femberg

\$4.50 per ton

P U R E

WILKESBARE LEHIGH COAL

FROM THE

MAMMOTH BALTIMORE VEIN.

We are now receiving at Callowhill Street Wharf, the above justly renowned *Family Coal*, which is universally acknowledged in the New York, Baltimore and Eastern markets to be the best Family Coal mined. Desirous of giving the Philadelphia public an article superior in every respect to any Coal heretofore offered, we have secured the EXCLUSIVE CONTROL of this superior Coal, and are now prepared to deliver it at the lowest market rates, in quantities to suit purchasers.

As we will DEAL IN THIS COAL ONLY, customers may rely upon always obtaining it pure, and free from admixture.

This Coal is free from slate and dirt—remarkably *clean*, and is nearly *pure carbon*, for which reason the quantity of ashes is very small.

A personal inspection and trial is desired. Orders sent by dispatch or otherwise to the Office, Water Street above Callowhill, or to the residence of the subscribers, will meet with prompt attention.

AUDENRIED & ROMMEL.

J. T. AUDENRIED, 611 N. 11th Street,
J. M. ROMMEL, N. W. Cor. Franklin & Brown Sts.

J. T. AUDENRIED,

JACOB M. ROMMEL.

AUDENRIED & ROMMEL,

SHIPPERS & DEALERS IN

PURE

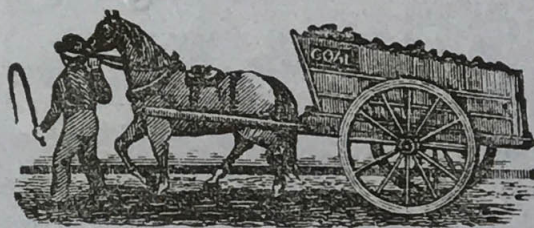
WILKESBARRE COAL

FROM THE MAMMOTH BALTIMORE VEIN.

WHARF AND YARD,

Delaware Avenue, above Callowhill Street,

PHILADELPHIA.



ALFRED DAY,
COAL DEALER,
 No. 721 Swanson Street,
 BELOW ALMOND,
 PHILADELPHIA.

FOR COAL AND WOOD.
 UNITED STATES—
 PHILADELPHIA, June 19th, 1858.
 will be received at this Institu-
 of TUESDAY, the 29th inst.,
 at the Mint, at such times
 may be required, between the
 1st of June ensuing, (1859,) in-
 specified articles, viz:
 ality of Anthracite Lehigh Coal,
 ip sizes,) entirely free from bone,
 substances; each ton delivered to
 THREE-SE
 GON S.
 S,
 Stre
 MADE AND OTHERS

Philadelphia
June 29. 1858.

Hon J. Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philad^a

Dear Sir:

I will
furnish such quantities of best
Anthracite Lehigh Coal as may
be required at the U.S. Mint Phil^a
during the ensuing fiscal year
at four $\frac{48}{100}$ dollars (\$4.48) per ton.
of 2240 lbs in accordance with your advertise-
ment dated June 19. 1858.

I am

Very Respectfully
Yr Ovt Servt
Alfred Day

Proposed for bond
Alfred Day
#4.48

Mr James Robt Snowden

Sir I will furnish
you with the best quality of
hickory wood delivered at the
U S Mint in such quantities
and at such times as you may
require at \$7.00 per cord also
the best quality of spruce pine
at \$3.50 per cord

Phil^a June 18th 1858 Respectfully Yours
Judah Mearns

First wood wharf
north of Green St Delaware
J^m

Lucretia Mear

\$7. for Hickory fire
5-50 for Rice

Philad^a June 22^d 1855

Col Snowden

Sir

We the Undersigned
do agree to furnish at the U. S. Mis-
sion Hickory and Pine Wood per
cord as follows

Hickory Wood	@ \$9.00 per cord
Spruce Pine	" 7.00 " "

Yours Respect
Saml A Read
Coates Street N York
del River
Phila

Scull & Reed
Hickory
Pine 7

Phila June 30/58

U. S. Mint Branch at San. Francisco Cal.
1858

To Ch. of Am. Mer Co

May 29	27 Bbls. Fire Clay	@ 1. ⁶² each	43.87
	20 Laps Tbl	@ 2. ⁷⁵ "	55.00
	335 No 1 Bricks	@ \$4.	13 40
	4 Hhd @ 1. each		4 00
			116.27

March 7th 1859 Received
James R. Shindler Payment in full

J H Singer
In Ch. of A. Miller

Estate of A. B. Miller
March 7, 1889
\$171.89

Amount of A. B.
for Dunge 10
couch Hertzi
each of Register
of this attached
to original
Bill. —

Phila. Dec 11 1858

M. S. Mint Branch in San Francisco Cal

To Crd. of Am. Miller & Co.

Aug. 3	3 Set of Tels 8 to a set	
	Made to order by Graham's Set @ \$6 per set	18.00
Oct. 1	1 Spring Furnace In Hand Coal	22.50
	3 1/2 doz. Mint Mufflers @ 3 1/4 each	13.12
		2 Cans 2.00
		<u>\$55.62</u>

Repaid Aug 13 1859

of Ross provided by Director

Clara Ameller Exp to Est of Am. Miller & Co.

Chicago Jan 29th 1858

United States Mint

Please forward by mail
bill or duplicate Bill of 7400
gold sent - from Chicago - via New York
early in May - and oblige
Yours truly
E. G. Stiles Esq.

Depositor - May No 358 by 96

Comptroller Wants Memorandum

From

E & Stiles Ho
Chicago

June 29 1858

Toledo June 29 1858

Treasurer US Mint
Sir

On the 15th
inst we sent per United States
Express \$105 nominal value
Spanish & Mexican Silver
with request to send us
about in New Cents. We
have not since heard from
it Has it come to hand
Please answer & oblige us

Respectfully

Whitakers & Phillips

Recd. June 19th 1858
\$105. →

From
Whitakers & Phillips
Toledo
June 29 1858

United States Mint

To The Adams Express Co

Dr

1858

June For transporting Silver Bullion -

15 Kpts & 2 Bks - to	J. J. Bisco	New York	26.722.20	^{from} 150	40 08
330 Bks	from	"	78.925.35	"	118 38
4 14 Kpts & 8 Bks to	"	"	78.925.35	"	118 39
5 12 Bks	from	"	30.324.94	"	45 48
10 11 "	"	"	25.580.93	"	38 37
11 29 "	to	"	28.885.44	"	43 33
15 26 "	"	"	25.580.93	"	38 37
19 12 "	from	"	28.915.34	"	43 45
23 9 "	"	"	20.706.31	"	31 06
" 8 "	"	"	18.517.72	"	27 77
" 24 "	to	"	28.915.34	"	43 45
25 7 Kpts & 3 Bks	"	"	37.828.91	"	56 74
29 4 Kpts	"	"	20.000.00	"	30 00
					<u>\$674 87</u>

Correct:

R. Patterson

for Henry

Received payment June 30. 1858.

Adams Express Co

per R. M. Cullagh, Subt

674 87

June 26th, 1857. 8.

Dear Sir:

After attentively considering your Communication of the 24th inst. and the accompanying papers and with every wish to afford all the aid in my power, I must first, in a sort of introductory way, offer a few suggestions.

The object of the Circular which you intend to print is evidently single and specific. It is not to diffuse general information as to the Mint values of all denominations of coin, primary and subsidiary, of all nations; but to define a scale of settlement with our foreign functionaries, in paying their salaries by drafts, expressed in the normal or unitary money of the countries where they respectively represent the United States.

The former object is completely attained by the publication of the Annual Report of the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the recent Act of Congress in the case. The latter object, as it appeared to me, was also completely attained in the table furnished you under date of 12. Nov. 1857.

This will, of course, understand the distinction I aim to make. The scope of the Secretary's Annual Report, being very comprehensive, takes in a great many species of money of secondary interest, which, in your Circular, would rather tend to confusion.

I must state that the Act of the 21. Feb. 1857, repeals all laws heretofore enacted authorizing the currency of foreign coins, or making them a legal tender. They have consequently no legal value. Their commercial value is determined by the metal of which they are composed and the weight and fineness of the coins. It is inaccurate to say, as stated by the Comptroller in speaking of the table, that "the Act of Congress now in force" repeals the laws authorizing the currency of foreign coins.

As you have mentioned the subject, you should desire to hear from me again, respecting it, I will be happy to respond to your further inquiries.

I am, with great respect,
Your obt. servant,

James K. Polk

Hon. W. McMillen
Comptroller.

Treasury Department.

Treasury Department.
Comptroller's Office.
June 24th 1838.

Hon. James Ross Snowden.
Director of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir,

I am under the necessity of troubling you once more in relation to the value of foreign coins. Although we continued to use and settle accounts upon the basis of the Table which you prepared for me some time ago, I never thought it best to publish or send it abroad. The change to the gold standard has met with much less opposition than was anticipated; and I now desire to procure a full and accurate Table to send to our diplomatic and other agents abroad, under such instructions as will secure a perfect conformity in their returns.

On an examination of the law I think it best to take your annual report as the basis of the new table. It will give ^{to} the measure a greater appearance

appearance of authority while some additions must necessarily be made to it.

I send you a copy of a report which I am about to make to the Secretary, for your perusal, in order that you may understand the whole matter, and especially the object designed to be accomplished.

I send you likewise a copy of the table which you prepared for me some time ago, and which we have been using, together with a copy of a table which I have had made from your report to the Secretary of the Treasury. My main object in submitting them to you at this time is, to ask the favor of you to look over them and to make me out a new table on the basis of your official report, adding such other coins as are not contained therein, and using the blank form which I enclose for that purpose.

In making out the new table I would like to have the unit, or standard coin placed first, under the head of each country. Thus, let England commence with the pound Sterling, France with the franc, Spain with the real &c. What I mean by unit or standard, is, the particular coin or currency in which each Nation keeps its accounts, and by which the value
of

of things, and other moneys are estimated. Then to follow with such other Coins as are used, or in any way current in said Nation. You may not in every instance know the unit, but when it can be ascertained, it will be Convenient to let it appear.

I propose to publish the report to the Secretary, the copy of which I send, and which you will please return, together with the proposed new table in pamphlet form, and send it to all our Agents abroad. I will send you a Copy the moment it is out.

I hope you will oblige me by giving the subject your immediate attention, as I wish to dispose of the matter as soon as possible, and in return you may consider my services as always at your Command.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt.

W. M. Dill
Comptroller.

P. S. Permit me to call your attention to your letter to me of Nov. 19. 1857, in relation to the Spanish dollar, the dollar of Chili and Peru and the Francs of France and Belgium. I used that letter without having altered your table, as suggested.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia

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From T. L.
Hon. W. Medill
Comptroller Treasury
Washington D. C.

In relation to value
of Foreign Coins & C

June 30. 1858

JUNE-24-1858

Philadelphia, June 30th 1858

United States Mint

To MORRIS & JONES & CO. Dr.

IRON & STEEL MERCHANTS, Market and Sixteenth Streets.

Jan 16 1 Bale $\frac{7}{8}$ Hoop iron 40, 2, 0.. @ $\$4 \frac{25}{100}$ $\$212$

Draw account

Rec'd Pay, July 14.58

Morris & Jones & Co.

Correct
Geo. H. Miller
W. H. W.

Fairmont June 29 1858

Director of U.S. Mint

In some weeks ago we
forwarded to you 40 \$ in old Coin for Exchange
in New cents and have not yet heard
from it either by Mail or Express will
you please inform us if the money has
been received

Oblige

Yours Barus & Brother

Fairmont

Marion Co

Va

deposited June 7th

\$40. —

of

by

Wm Paine & Co
Farmington
Vt

As to deposit
for exchange
for new cert.

July 1, 1838.

Department of the Interior,
January 24th 1858.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a draft in your favor, on the cashier of the Bank of Pennsylvania, for twelve hundred and fifty dollars, which I have been advised will be paid. I will be obliged if you will collect it and send me a certificate for the amount in the usual form.

Very respectfully,
Your obdt servt.

J. Thompson
Secretary.

Wm. B. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Tom

Hon J Thompson
Sec Interior

Enclosing draft on
Chas. Bank for
Interest

Jan 29. 1838.

Office of Supt of Public Schools
Boston. June 28, 1858.

Dear Sir

Some time since I wrote you, requesting that you would cause the usual number of Franklin & City Medals to be struck for the Public Schools of this City. At the time for the Annual distribution of Medals is drawing near, and I have received no notice of the reception of my letter by you. I take the liberty to write again, hoping that it will be convenient for you to forward the Medals at an early day. The number required is "Franklin Medals" 95, "City Medals" 95.

Very respectfully Yours,

John D. Shelburne
Supt of Pub. Schools

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director N. S. M. S.
Philadelphia Pa.

In a week
or ten days. -

From To
J D Filbrick Esq
Supt Pub Schools
Boston

As to time Medals
and will be
awarded.

Jan 30, 1858.

June 30, 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 28th inst.

The medals ordered by you some
time since are in course of manufacture and
will be finished and forwarded to you in a
week or ten days.

I am, very Respectfully,
Samuel Rose Crockett
Director of the Mint.

John D. Filbrick Esq.
Supt. Public Schools.
Boston,
Mass.

Elmira 28 June 1858
Lorain County Ohio

Assistant Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa.
Sir

I have some
thousand dollars Spanish & Mexican Silver
old American Silver I would like to have
received into halves & quarters -

I have been informed I could
get it done by sending it to the Mint

Will you please inform me
if it can be done & upon what terms
also who I should send it to

Your reply at your earliest
convenience will very much oblige the writer

Respectfully
C. B. Brownson

June

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Brinson

Elyria Lorain Co

Ohio

June 28 1858

Philad, June 28th 1858

J. H. Snowden Esqr,

Director of U. S. Mint at Phila.

Sir, you will please have the following
medals 'struck up' —

21 Silver Medals ———

44 Bronze do ———

I oblige

James L. Magee } Comr, on Medals
N. B. Kneass. } of Phila. Mint,
Henry B. Kelley }

24 hours time

Obedt

June 30, 1858

H R L

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$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \ 1 / 27.52 \quad (13 / \\ \underline{21} \quad \quad \quad \underline{+19} \\ 65 \quad \quad \quad \underline{1.50} \\ 63 \quad \quad \quad \underline{21} \\ 22300 \\ 31.50 \\ 380 \\ \hline \$35.30 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 44 \quad \quad \quad \underline{70} \\ 30.80 \\ 35.30 \\ \hline \$66.10 \\ 43 \\ \hline \$23 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 220.94 \\ 130 \\ \hline \$90.94 \end{array}$$

Order
for medals

Penn. Hist.

Jan 30. 1858.

Forreth St. 28 June 1838

My dear Sir

Your kind letter
of 25 instant, and the
accompanying package,
~~were~~ not received until
this morning. I am
thankful for the opportunity
~~which the essay pamphlet affords~~
~~thus afforded~~ me to become
acquainted, in part, with
requirements of a duty to
be fulfilled at a future
day; and am not less
pleased that you have ^{also}
sent me the internal
regulations of the business
in your important department
of the government.

Your pamphlet on the

proposed circulating
medium in certificates of
deposits of bullion and
of coin had previously been
the subject of much
consideration on my
part. The reasons in favor
of your plan are strongly
and clearly stated, and
are in themselves unanswerable
by any direct objection, or
contradiction. The sole
question is whether they
may not be, to some
extent, displaced, so to
speak, by independent
considerations which were
in part suggested when I
had, some months ago, the
pleasure of conversing with
you upon the subject. On

W. L. G. 2
this question my ideas will
I trust ^{at some future day} be less crude than
they then were, and still are.
Your plan involves consideration
of commanding interest

Very truly yours
Hubert W. L. G.

Col James Cass Snowden

Yr Yr Yr

J. Cadwalader

Private

June 28/58

Comptroller's Office

Washington June 28/58

Hon. James Ross Snowden

Dear Sir

Yours of the 26th inst. has been rec^d. At the time that I first wrote you in relation to the value of foreign coins I was not aware that you had made any report to the Secretary of the Territory on the subject, nor even of the law that imposed that duty upon you. I saw no inconsistency between the laws to which the 5th Auditor refers and the circular of the Secretary and therefore proceeded to carry it into effect without further inquiry.

This change in the mode of paying salaries has greatly irritated our officers abroad and their friends and agents here and somewhat here. It is very evident that the Auditor sympathizes in feeling with them,

and is inclined to give all the Honors
he can. I finally instructed him to
conform to the table in the settlement
of minister's accounts and hence
his appeal to the Secy.

On examining the laws I found
that the duty of fixing the value
of foreign coins had been devolved
on you, and was inclined to
think that your official report
would be considered as binding
and conclusive. In looking over,
however, there were some matters
that were not as plain and simple
as they should be in a table for
every day use. The pieces varied
according to the date of their coinage
and their values ranging between
a maximum and a minimum.
While as you say there are some
pieces not necessary for the purposes
in view. I confess that I am not
even yet conversant with the sub-
ject and desire to avoid myself

of your experience.

I propose now to publish the tables which I have thus far declined to do, and am exceedingly desirous that it be correct. I am written to for it nearly every week and from all parts of the world.

You know exactly what I want. It must go out with your sanction. I then submit the matter to your superior judgment and will add a dash that table which you now recommend.

Please return me the papers with such suggestions as you may see proper to make, and which in your judgment are most likely to subserve the objects in view.

I am Sir, Very Respectfully
Yours Obedtly

W. Medico

From
Hon W. Medill
Comptroller
Treasury Department
Washington City

In relation to the
value of Foreign
Coins &c

June 30. 1858.

June 30.th

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Dear Sir,

Your very gratifying letter of the 28th inst. has thrown much light upon the nature of the difficulties you have to encounter in the settlement of salaries abroad; and I may mention that a conversation with Mr. Lundy of Washington, this morning, has acquainted me with the views of parties who are disposed to complain of your proposed method of adjustment.

The main difficulty in this question evidently lies in the legal recognition of two dollars, one of gold, the other of silver. The latter has kept its place in our lawful coinage (not in our currency) out of respect to old contracts, or much as for any other reason. Yet in point of fact it is even demanded by creditors, and if it were, unless there was a special contract to pay in silver dollars, the debtor may lawfully elect to pay in the gold dollars. Why should not the government take the same course, especially as it produces two good effects, namely, an uniformity of basis, and the avoidance

of inquiries and investigation as to the
shifting currencies of other countries?

I perceive the force of an argument
made by Mr. Lascells that we ought to pay
in the kind of coin, gold or silver, which
is the usual currency of any given country.
But on referring to the table furnished you
on the 12th of November last I am reminded
that the same basis was taken at that time
as the table was mainly constructed on that
principle. There are, it is true, roundifica-
tions, as when I gave a gold franc
and a silver franc valuation for
Belgium, and the same for France; but
this will make no confusion, as, in draw-
ing bills upon these countries, it is well
understood in what metal they will
be paid.

On re-examining the table just
mentioned, I really cannot see what
can be added to, or taken from
it, and therefore recommend it for your
adoption.

I am, with great respect,

Yours obt. servant,
Samuel Rose Johnson
Director of the mint

Hon.
W. Medill,
Camp Keller Co
Washington City.

Syracuse June 26 58

Jas. B. Swarden
Queda U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

I have sent per
Express this day \$100. Spanish Coin
to Exchange for new coin.

If the whole amount will not
be exchanged at once, send in
in two parcels of \$50.

A. A. Hayes
Trans.
Syr. Sav. Inst^y

From J. A. Thayer
Syracuse
N.Y.

Exchange —
New Cent. —

June 29, 1838. —

121 Essex St
N.Y. June 26th '58

J. R. Eckfeldt Esq.

Dear Sir:

Seeing a

Small paragraph in several of our
city papers, that a new cent had
just been issued from the mint
I write to you in hopes of obtain-
ing two. One for the Cabinet of the
"American Numismatic Society,"
(whose By-Laws I endorse), and one for
my own collection. The expense
be it what it may, I will willingly
meet. Enclosed please find a stamp
for return reply. Hoping to hear
from you by next mail, I remain
dear Sir, Your Most Obedt

Aug. B. Sage
121 Essex St
N.Y.

Aug. B. Lase

Member

Am. Hum. Soc.

June 26/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 26. 1858

Sir

I am in receipt by The Adams Express Company of \$37,828.96 in silver coins, also of \$1,395.17 in gold coins, in payment for invoices No 205 and 206.

I have also received a "duplicate" bill of Mr Benjamin Hunter, against this Office for \$11.25 without advice from you: I would suggest that Mr H. had better transmit the original, and collect the same through the Adams Express Company.

Very Respectfully

P Strong & Co
Treasury U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. M. S. W. Co
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco

New York

June 26th 1858

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

June 25th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$6000. by
The Adams Express Company, in gold coins
in ac of invoice N^o 203.

Very Respectfully

J. M. J. C. W.

10 Sturgeon Bay
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasurer

From

John J. Cisco
New York

June 25th 1878

June 24. 8

Sir,

In acknowledging your letter of the 21st inst I have to state that the Mint Sweeps have been sold.

Hereafter, when we have other lots of sweeps accumulated which we wish to sell, I will, as before, give you correspondent samples and afford him an opportunity to make an offer for them.

We fix no price upon the sweeps, but accept the best offer, provided it is near the intrinsic value, this value we ascertain by assays of samples.

Mr. Lazarus Auerman
Banker
Chicago, Ill.^s

Very respectfully
Yours ob^t servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.



BANKING HOUSE
OF
LAZARUS SILVERMAN,
50 LA SALLE STREET.

Chicago, Ill June 21 1858.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Director of the U. S. Mint, Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Dear Sir. Your favor of 18th
Inst is duly at hand. Will you
be kind enough to inform me what would
then be the prices you would charge for
the different Numbers of Sweeping
mentioned in my List as I wish to
inform Mr Rockel of what can be done.
Awaiting your Answer I remain
Yours &c

Your Very Respectfully
Sazarnus Silverman

J. H. May Jr.

From H. L. Lazarus Silverman.
Chicago, Ill.

24 June '88.

What is price of Mint Suckers?

JUNE-24-1858

A NEW CENT PIECE.—We have seen a specimen of a new coin, of one cent denomination, just from the Mint at Philadelphia. Something of this kind is much needed to take the place of that abominable abortion, the one cent coin of '57. The new cent piece, like the other, is of nickel, and of the same size; it has the head of an Indian girl upon one side, and the words United States of America, with the date. Upon the reverse is a wreath, surmounted with a shield, with a bunch of arrows entwined at the bottom, and the words one cent in the middle of it. The workmanship, as well as the design, is beautifully executed. We do hope that the Government will adopt it —
Boston Post.

Thursday AM.

June 24/58

Col. A. A. S. Snowden

Dear Sir,

I Enclose to you an article clipped from the Daily News, of yesterday. Thinking you may not have seen it. The issues from the Mint, ~~will~~ reflect great credit upon your Directorship, and that you may long continue in that responsible position now honored by yourself, is the desire, &c.

Very truly,

Yours, &c.

Wm. B. Channing

From

R. C. Davis

June 24/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 24th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$ 62,481.37 in Gold Coins, on acc of invoices N^o 202 and 203, And of \$ 28,965.34 in Silver Coins in full for N^o 204.

No more bullion from this office will be transmitted to you this quarter.

Very Respectfully

D Strong & Co
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J. Cress

Treasurer

From

Jno. I. Cisco, Treas
New York

Rec'd

June 25/08

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 23^d 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$225,000. in Gold Coins on 4th of invoices
N^o 201-202.

Enclosed you have receipt and invoice
N^o 207. of three boxes gold bullion. The net value
of which is \$154,202.69 I will thank you to
 remit double eagles in payment for the same.

Very Respectfully

J Sturgent Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. W.

Treasurer

From

Mr. J. Cisco, Esq

Dear

New York

Recd

June 24/58

No. 207 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Three Boxes containing 7549.89 ozs Gold Bullion,
" " " Silver "
Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 154,202.69
One hundred & fifty four thousand
Two hundred & two ⁶⁹/₁₀₀ dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 23 1858

Adams Express Co J. Babcock

JUNE 22 - 1858

Office of County Judge
Maretta Marshall County
Iowa June 22nd 1868.

To the United States Mint —

Philadelphia Pennsylvania

I herewith inclose some specimens
of ore, found in Hardin County
Iowa, supposed to be gold, and send
it to you for the purpose of having
it tested, will you please test the ore
and send me the result of your investigation
and Oblige yours Most Respectfully

William Edmundo County Judge
of Marshall County
Iowa

Fineness 890 thousandths — value per
ounce troy, \$ 18.40, after melting.

The value in the native grains, (free
from ^{sand &} earthy matter) would be about 3
to 5 per cent less than that.

From To
Hon W. F. Smith
Manette
Brown

Sample of food
for assay

July 1. 1858. -

July 1.st 8.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 29th inst. enclosing a small specimen of gold: which I have, as requested, caused to be assayed with the following results. Fineness 890 thousandths, value per ounce, Troy, \$18.40, after melting. The value in the native grains (free from sand and earthy matter) would be about 3 to 5 per cent. less than the above.

I am very respectfully,
Your obt. servant,

James R. Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. W. C. Smith.

Marion, Mo.

Marshall County, Iowa.

No. 201 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box, containing _____ Gold Bullion,
Eight " " 15 115.114 oz Silver "
Parcel " _____

Amounting in Net value to \$ 18,517.72

Eighteen Thousand Five Hundred &
seventeen ⁷²/₁₀₀ dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 22 1858

Adams Express Co

J. P. Robert

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 22. 1858

Sir

I enclose statement of boxes Nos

216 & 223.

Net value of Silver \$ 18 278.89

Gold 238.83

I will thank you to remit the sum
in half dollars, and the latter in gold coins.

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Waco

I Strongly Envy
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasurer

From

Treat. Assay Office
New York

Recd

June 23/58

Washington
June 21. 1858

Dear Sir

I do not desire to
interfere with your management
of your own affairs. But I would
gladly hear that you had rein-
stated Hunt, LaRue who is
a good Clerical and promises
to perform his duties well. I
think him capable & honest &
faithful to the Constitution

Very truly

Your friend

L. L. P. M. R.

Col. J. R. Snowden

From
Hon. J. S. Black

"
"Paul. Lankey"
"

June 21 1858

JUNE-21-1858

Major of the United States.
Philadelphia, June 24th., 1858.

Sir:

The enclosed Circular will furnish you with
the information you desire in reference to the exchanges
for the new Cents and payment of expenses of transpor-
tation thereof.

Very respectfully,
Yrs.

S. R. Howden.
Quadrant the Mint.

Mt. J. Leonard:
Dorville, N.H.

Lowville.

N. York June 21. 1858

Director of the U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Will you please inform me at what rate you receive, Old Am Gold, and Spanish & other silver coin, in exchange for the new cent, $\frac{1}{4}$ & $\frac{1}{2}$ dollars, Also how you furnish the new coin for drafts on New York.

Do you pay expenses of transportation on coin sent to & from Philadelphia

Respectfully Yours
Cornelius P. Leonard

to: C. P. Leonard
Lowville, Lewis Co, N.Y.

24 June '68.

Exchange for New Cents.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 21 1858

Sir

As for receipt & invoice N^o 205 enclosed, I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Company, nine boxes silver bullion, weighing gross 16,786.52 ozs. Net value \$ 19,550.07 Contains gold \$ 1,156.24 net. For the former I will thank you to remit Quarters dollars, and for the latter Gold Coins.

Very Respectfully

Wm Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J. C. Waco

Treasurer

P.S. June 22. Eight additional boxes \$ 216 & 223 forwarded with the above this day: statement of which will be transmitted tomorrow.

Wm J. C. Waco
Treasurer

From
Treat. Assay Off
New York

Recd

June 23/58

No. 205

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.Boxes containing Gold Bullion,
Nine " " 16,786 52 ozs Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 20,706.31
Twenty Thousand, Seven hundred
Six ³¹/₁₀₀ dollars.which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York,

June 24 1858

Adams Express Co. J. P. Parker

New Haven Jan 20

Dear Sir.

Will you enclose a few half cents in the within envelope and mail them to me. I know of other way in which I can get those of a recent date. I shall feel greatly obliged

Yours respectfully
Sam. C. Blackman

P.S.

I you think best send by express
Adams & Co

S -

3 1/2 cents 1857
entered Jan 22, 1857



From
Sam^l. C. Blackman
New Haven

Desiring $\frac{1}{2}$
cents.

Jan 22, 1855

Mail

New York June 19. 1858

James R. Snowden Esq
Director, U. S. Mint
Philada.

Sir

This A.M. we have rec^d from His Excellency
H. R. Runnels, Governor of Texas, Eight thousand Dollars,
with instructions to hold the same subject to your
order to be used by you in procuring standard
scales, weights and measures, for the use of the
counties of Texas.

As requested by Governor Runnels, we
beg to say that the amount of this remittance will
be paid, either in New York or Philadelphia as
you may desire. We further request that we will
give you such references in Philadelphia, as will
satisfy you in the premises.

If you will do us the favor to enquire of
Hon: Robert Neilson, or Henry D. Sherrerd Esq, Secy
of the Insurance Company of North America, in your city,
or Hon: John F. Exier, U. S. Treasurer in our city, we
believe either or all of them will say that the
money is safely and reliably at your disposal.

Very respectfully

Your obedient servants

J. Brown & Co
45 South St

From

J. N. Brower & Co.
New York.

21 June '58.

Trusted with them to pay for
Wrights & Measures ordered for State of Texas.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 19th 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose ship's receipt
for 44 Empty specie kegs, forwarded this
day to your address.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Geo
Treasurer.

From

J J Cisco
New York
June 19 1858

JUNE-18-1858

Office of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, June 21st, 1858.

Gentlemen.

The receipt of old Copper U.S. Coins for the Cent pieces of the new issue is continued at the Mint under the Circular issued by me on the 27th April, 1857.

It is not always convenient, owing to the demand for the new cents, to make return for a deposit at once, but depositors may well look for payment in general, within a few weeks after the date of their deposit, at furthest.

Very respectfully:

James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Wm. A. B. Burr:
Stamford, Connecticut.

Hartford, Conn, June 18, 1838.

Dear Sir

For the information of the
public, will you be so kind as to
inform us whether the Mint is now
prepared to exchange the new
cent for the old, and oblige
Yours Truly

A. E. F. L. Burr,
Publishers.

To Sup^r Mint
Philadelphia

From Mr. A. E. F. L. Burr.
"Daily Times"
Hartford, Conn.

June 21/68.

Exchange of Cents for old U.S.
Copper Coins.

New St.

Genl A. R. Cannell.

Austin, Texas.

18 Juno 1858.

Anchor of Weight & Measure

for State of Texas.

Mint of the United States.

Copy

An act

To establish uniform weights and measures

Section 1st Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas that the Governor is hereby authorized to procure at the expense of the state a set of weights and measures in conformity with the standard now used by the Government of the United States; and to cause the same to be deposited with the Treasury of the State, which shall be safely kept by him, and shall be the only legal standard of weights and measures within the State.

Section 2^d The Governor is hereby authorized to cause correct copies of such weights & measures when procured to be made under such appropriate seal as he may adopt, and to deliver or cause to be delivered after the inspection and approval of some competent person by him appointed for that purpose. A full set of such weights and measures to the Chief Justices of the several Counties on their application, and at the cost and expense of the respective Counties.

Section 3^d The sum of Ten thousand dollars or so much thereof as shall be necessary is hereby appropriated and set apart to pay the expenses of procuring such set of weights and measures; and copies thereof which may be drawn from the Treasury upon the order of the Governor.

Section 4th When such copies have been made it shall be the duty of the several County Courts of this state to appropriate a sufficient amount of money to enable the Chief Justices of the respective Counties to pay for and procure a full set thereof.

for the use of their Counties, and said Chief Justices shall take charge of and keep the same

Section 5th Any person desirous of having his weights and measures tested may have the same done by applying to the Chief Justice, who, if he find them correct shall seal them with a seal to be provided by the county court for that purpose, on which shall be the capital letter T and also the letter with which the name of the county begins

Section 6th For testing any steel yard balance or beam the Chief Justice shall receive from the applicant a fee of forty cents and for every weight or measure ten cents

Section 7th Any Person who shall sell by any weights balance or measure that does not correspond to and agree with such Copies, or who shall keep the same for the purpose of buying or selling thereby, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Ten dollars for every month he may continue, he may to keep the same, one half of which shall go to the county in which such offence shall be committed and the other to the Chief Justice, and it shall be his duty to sue for the penalty incurred by the commission of every such offence

Section 8th If the Chief Justice shall fail to sue for any such penalty within three months after the same shall be incurred, any other Person may sue therefor, and recover one half thereof for his own use, and the other for the use of the county

Section 9th And that this Act take effect from and after its passage

approved Feb 13th 1858

Department of State
Austin, Texas, June 5. 1858.

I, the undersigned Acting
Secretary of State of the State of
Texas, do hereby certify that the
manuscript on the foregoing two pages
contain a correct copy of the original
act on file in the State Department.



Given under my hand
and the Seal of the
Department of State,
the day and year
first above written.

John Hall, and
Acty Secy of State

Executive Dept^{mt}
Austin Texas June 30
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U. States Mint
Philadelphia
1858.

Dear Sir.

I have been informed by Mr Shaw Comptroller of our State that you have kindly consented to inspect and pass on, either personally or appoint some competent party to do so, such Standard Scales, Weights and measures as the State might order from Mr Henry Troemner of your City. I have this day written to Mr Troemner to prepare 50 Sets and that the same are to be inspected and passed on by you or under your direction, and that means for the payment therefor would be placed at your disposal at the rate of One hundred and sixty five dollars per Set.

Wm. J. H.
Brower & Co 45 South Street New York

will inform you that the means necessary for the payment of the work to be done by Mr Froemmer will be subject to your order, either in New York or Philadelphia as you may select.

I enclose you a copy of the contract made with Mr Froemmer also a copy of my letter to him of this date on the same subject.

For your kindness in undertaking the superintendancy of the work in question, I sincerely thank you, and any expense you may be at in the premises will be cheerfully borne.

I am Sir.

With great respect
Your Obedt Servt.
A R Runnels

(Copy)

Mr. Henry Troemner, the undersigned, proposes to do the undermentioned work for the State of Texas according to the various clauses herein mentioned. The said work shall be made in the best manner and style and Fifty sets shall be finished and ready for delivery in four months time (or sooner) from the receipt of the order, and any additional number in the same proportion of time.

The above mentioned work will be

Standard Weights and Measures and composed of the following articles, viz:

Liquid Measures

One Gallon, One $\frac{1}{2}$ Gallon, One quart, One pint, One $\frac{1}{2}$ pint and One Gill.

Dry Measures

One $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel, One $\frac{1}{4}$ Peck, One $\frac{1}{8}$ Peck and One Quart.

The above Measures to be made of Copper.

One Steel Beam with Iron Column, Copper dishes and Brass Chains to be used for testing Small Weights.

One Iron beam and dishes (without Column) to be used for testing 50 lb., 25 lb. and 20 lb. Weights.

One Fifty pound and one twenty, Iron Weights.

One 4 lb., 2 lb., 1 lb., $\frac{1}{2}$ lb., $\frac{1}{4}$ lb., $\frac{1}{8}$ lb., $\frac{1}{16}$ lb. and $\frac{1}{32}$ lb. Brass Weights enclosed in a mahogany Case and finely finished.

One Standard Yard Stick to be made of brass.

The price of a Set of the above description will be "one hundred and fifty five dollars (\$155.⁰⁰/₁₀₀) and the Packing and Insurance shall be at the expense of the State, but Superintended by the undersigned.

The mark or Stamp adopted by the State shall be unpainted on each and every article belonging to the Set.

The money for the payment of the above shall be placed in the hands of James Ross Snowden, Esq. Director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, and the different payments made at his option as the work progresses.

On the completion of the different letters which shall be ordered, they shall be examined by a committee appointed by James Rags Snowden, Director of the U.S. Mint and approved by them, before being sent to their destination.

(Signed) Henry Tremon

On the Approval of the above contract by the Governor of the State of Texas, the same shall be binding on the respective parties.

(Signed) James B. Shaw

Comptroller Agent of the State of Texas.

Phila, April 22nd 1838.

Executive Department
Austin Texas 3^d June 1858

Henry Townner Esqr
Philadelphia

Sir

The contract entered into with Mr Shaw on behalf of this State, with you for 50 Sets or more of Standard Scales, weights and measures has been approved of by me.

You will therefore proceed to make 50 complete Sets according to the terms of the contract. Each article is to be inspected and approved by James Ross, Inverton Esqr Director of the Mint at Philadelphia or by a committee appointed by him, a certificate of such approval must be forwarded to me.

As specified in the contract, each article must have the impress of the Seal or Stamp of the State, a copy of which is enclosed imprinted thereon.

Each Set must be boxed by itself, or no two articles of the same kind must be put in the same package. The object of this, is, that separate Sets may be sent to the different Counties, without being unpacked or unboxed.

The packing should be done with great care, as they have to be, in most cases transported for some distance by waggon after their arrival in Texas.

Each package should be addressed to the Governor of the State of Texas.

15 Complete Sets you will have sent to Jefferson Cass County Texas, via and through the house of Buchanan Carroll to New Orleans, care of William M. Torman of the former place.

20 Sets to Galveston Texas, care of E. B. Nichols Esq.

10 Sets to Port La Vaca Texas, care of Boughne^r Walker and the remaining five Sets, will be forwarded to Brownsville Texas, care of Stephen Powers.

For the last three points you can ship direct by Sail vessels.

As Red River is only navigable at certain seasons, it is desirable that the first 15 Sets made, should be forwarded as soon as completed to Jefferson.

The money for the work will be placed under the charge of Col. Snowden of the mint, who will make such payment as the work progresses as in his judgment is proper.

You will from time to time notify me, how the work

progresses, as well as advise me of Shipment. The Shipments must be covered by Insurance.

I will rely on your doing the work in a faithful and workman like manner, and giving proper attention to the packing, so that the articles may arrive at their destination in good condition.

Very Respectfully Yours.

June 3rd 1858.

Letter to
Henry Troemner
Philadelphia.

June 15. 8.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3^d. inst. enclosing 1. A certified Copy of "an act to establish uniform weights and measures". 2. A copy of your letter to Mr. Boerner. It is stated that you also enclosed a copy of the Contract with Mr. Boerner, but by some oversight this was omitted to be done.

I will, with great pleasure see that the balances and weights are accurately made and adjusted; and also make the payments to ~~the~~ the manufacturers, through the agency of Messrs J. H. Brown & Co. of New York, as requested.

Y^{rs} Excellency, I am, with great respect,

H. R. Runnels

Your obt. servant,

Governor of Texas
Austin Texas.

Samuel Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

June 18th 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$52,146.38 in gold coins in 4c of invoice No 201.

As for statement, and receipt of the Adams Express Company enclosed, I have this day transmitted twelve boxes silver bullion. Gross weight 24,811.75 ounces; net value \$28,941.64 contains gold \$23.70 net. for which I will thank you to remit

\$20000. in dimes

8941.64 " half dimes

23.70 " gold coins

Very Respectfully

D. Sturgess Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Wm Lisco

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
June 18th 1888

No. 204 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Boxes containing Gold Bullion,
Twelve " " 24811.75 ozs Silver "
Parcel " "

Amounting in Net value to \$28965.34
Twenty eight Thousand, nine hundred
& sixty five ³⁴/₁₀₀ dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, June 18 1858

Adams Exp. Co. *[Signature]*

JUNE-18-1858

June 24, 8.

Sir:

Herein enclosed you will please find. Special Cert. receipt for
Silver Coins and Cents, viz:

Quarters \$975.

Dimes 100.

2 Dimes 100.

Two Cents 25.

Also \$500. this day forwarded in
return for draft for \$500 enclosed in your letter of 18th. inst., as therein directed.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.

James Poppleton,
Director of the Mint.

Mr. George L. G.,
Carter Commercial Bk.,
Racine, Wisconsin.

H. S. DURAND, President.
J. W. MOORE, Cashier.

Commercial Bank.

Racine, Wis., June 18th 1858

O. R. Snowden Esq

Dr

Enclose my aft
ow American Ex. Bank for \$500.
for which please send me by Express
as follows

\$275.	Quarters
\$100.	Dimes
\$100.	Half do
\$25.	Pennies
\$500.	

Please forward at once
and oblige

Very Truly Yours

J. W. Moore
Cashier

From the Cashier Commercial Bk.
Kacine, Wis.

J. S. PURDIE, President.
J. W. MOORE, Cashier.

June 24/88

forwarded. \$500. worth Silver and Coins

Interest	\$10.00
Dividend	\$10.00
Refund	\$10.00
Balance	\$10.00
	\$40.00

Received of Mr. J. W. Moore
the sum of \$40.00

Wm. J. Moore
Cashier

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858/JUNE

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / JULY

July 30, 8.

Sir,

I present herewith a statement of account for the manufacture of medals at the Mint for the quarter ending June 30, 1858, and enclose vouchers for the items charged therein. The account exhibits a balance due the U. States of \$2,142.83.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

James Ross Snowden Esq Director + -

March 25 To Balance as per Settlement

Dollars

1929

May 12 To this amount received from U.S.A. Society
for 3 pie gold medals @ \$155 - \$ 465

36 Silver " 7.50 270

26 Bronze " 2.50 65 - Bronze 2:1

800

June 21 To this amount received from U.S.A. Society, for

17 Silver medals @ 7.50 \$127.50

7 Bronze " 2.50 17.50 - " 2

145

June 30 To this amount received from John L. Feltwell & Supt.
Pub. Schools Boston for 190 Silver Medals @ \$1.10

3 209

3,053.92

JULY-31-1858

To
Sec Treasury

3 letters enclosing as
follows

1. Report monthly
Count & examination
2. Statement Deposits
& Comage Due
3. Comage Statement

May 31, 1888. -

July 31, 8.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a Statement
of Deposits and Comage at the Mint during
the month ending to-day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Pop Incandes,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

July 31. 8.

(Sir)

Enclosed please find a statement showing the amount and denomination coins in the Treasury of the Mint at the close of business to-day.

I have the honor.
With great respect
Your faithful Servant
James Popchay.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.

July 31, 8.

Sir.

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business to-day exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold Coins	\$	10 ¹ / ₂ , 341.00
„ Silver Coins		242,089.29
„ New Cents		7.75
„ Ordinary Fund		46,235.71
„ Repair Fund		24.59
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund		18.66
Total	\$	<u>392,717.03</u>

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

The balance in the hands of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. States at the same time was found to be \$297,479.27, in gold and silver coins,

agreeing with the account books in his office.
An examination into the condition
of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence
that the business of the institution is conducted
with fidelity and care and a proper attention
alike to the interests of the government and
the public.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your faithful servant
Samuel Pope Hopkins
Director of the Mint

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

United States Mint

To Adams Express Co Dr

1858	In Transportation on Silver Bullion		
July 9	9 Boxes from Assay Office N. York	21.471.24.015	32 20
"	Paul for Coopering 2 Boxes		25
13	7 Boxes to Assay Office N. Y	6471.24. "	9 70
15	8 " from " " "	20.172.16. "	30 26
16	13 " to " " "	15.065.83. "	22 60
22	10 " from " " "	24.782.09. "	37 17
24	14 " " " "	33.447.37. "	50 17
26	24 " to " " "	23.531.96. "	35 30
27	7 Keys " " " "	33.447.37. "	50 17
30	12 Boxes from " " "	27.352.40. "	41 03
			<u>308.85</u>

Correct:

R. Patterson

for Treas

Received Payment

Adams Express Co

for R. W. Lullaby, Sept

\$308.85

Cur

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 29. 1858

Sir

I herewith inclose receipt, and invoice No 2114. of One box Gold button, weighing 1537.00 Ounces of the net value of \$ 31,364.84 forwarded this day by The Adams Express Company; in payment for which I will thank you to remit at your earliest convenience, double Eagles.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treasury U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Cooce
Treasurer

P.S. Also Twelve boxes Silver, net value \$ 27,352.40 for which please remit, \$ 10 000, in half dimes and \$ 17,352.40 in dimes.

210 Empty bags

From

J J Cisco

New York

July 29 1858

No. 214

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One box, containing

Gold Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 31,360.84)

Thirty one thousand
Three hundred & sixty — $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, July 29 1858 210 Empty bags

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

No. 215

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Three boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 27,352.40)

Twenty seven thousand, three
hundred & fifty two — $\frac{40}{100}$ Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, July 29 1858

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

JULY-29-1858

Slint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

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To / Secretary of the Treasury

Requesting to be furnished
with copies of Sec. ~~Ann~~
Report on the Finance
also copies of Estimates

July 29, 1838.

July 29. 8.

Sir,

I am frequently asked for Copies of your Report on the Finances, especially as it contains the report on the operation of the Mint, and the value of foreign Coins. You will greatly oblige me by sending as many Copies of the Report as you can spare.

I am desirous of furnishing to the Branch Mints Copies of the printed "Estimates of Appropriations, 1858-59." and I would be much obliged if you could supply me with a few Copies for that purpose.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Hon. Howell Cobb.

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Samuel Ross Chewster
Director of the Mint.

JULY-28, 1858

To.
The Sec Treasury

Absence Treas^r. Mint
for a day or two. —
Appointment R. Patterson
to act in his place

July 28. 1838. —

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

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July 28. 8.

Sir,

As the Treasurer of the Mint has desired leave of absence for a day or two to visit his family in Monroe County, I have with his consent, and pursuant to the 4th Section of the general mint law, appointed Mr. Robert Patterson (Treasurer of the Mint) to act in the Treasurers place during his absence.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Howe Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 27. 1858.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt
of \$ 23,531.96 in Silver Coins, and \$ 1,250.13 in
Gold Coins, in payment for invoice N^o. 212.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J. C. W.
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco

New York

July 27th 1858

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 28th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt by the Adams
Express Company of Thirty Three Thousand, four
hundred and forty seven $\frac{37}{100}$ dollars (\$33,447.37)
in Silver Coins, in payment for invoice N^o 213.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq.

Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Cress

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
July 28th 1888

This Agreement, made this 26th day of July, A.D. 1858, between the
Mint of the United States, by James R. Snowden, Director thereof, and George
B. Newton Attorney of Sharpe Leisnering & Co. of the City of Philadelphia
Witnesseth - that it is hereby agreed by and between the parties hereto
that the said George B. Newton Attorney of Sharpe Leisnering & Co.
shall and will furnish and supply to the Mint of the United States
in such quantities and at such times as he may be required so to do, between
the first day of July 1858 and thirtieth day of June 1859 inclusively, the amount
of Council Ridge Lehigh coal (of the lump and steamboat sizes) to be entirely
free from bone, slate and other foreign substances, that may be required
by the said institution; to be dry and of good quality, and subject to
the inspection and approval of the Director of the Mint - said coal to be
left at the Mint between the hours of eight and nine o'clock in the
morning and to be delivered thereat free from all carting or
any other charges whatsoever at the rate or price of Four Dollars
and thirty five cents (\$4.35) per ton of 2240 pounds, for each
and every ton so delivered as aforesaid; the bills for which shall become
due and payable monthly by the said Mint of the United
States. And for all and every impure and foreign substance
found therein deductions shall be made from the said bills
at the rate above fixed, and each and every ton left
otherwise than in accordance with the regulations above
agreed to shall be subject to refusal and return. - and the Director
reserves the right to determine this contract to be forfeited
if the coal furnished should prove unsatisfactory as
to time and quality. Witness our hands and seals the day
and year first above written. James R. Snowden (Seal)
Sharpe, Leisnering & Co. (Seal)
G. B. Newton atty

Witness at Signing
H. R. Linderman

Contract

Shays Lisenning & Co.

Coal

July 1. 1838 to Jan 30. 1839

JULY-24, 1858

To,
Hon Moses Kelley
Act. Sec Interior
Washington

Re Act. of letter
of 22 inst with
enclosure, stated

July 24, 1838. -

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July 24th 8.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of the 22^d inst with the enclosure
stated. On the 1st prox^o I will attend to
your request.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. servant,

Samuel Rose Brownson,
Director of the Mint.

Messrs. Kelly
Acting Secretary of the Interior.
Washington City.

Seamen's Bank for Savings

New York July 24. 1858

J. R. Snowden Esq

Superintendent. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir

We hold Mint Certificate N^o 427
dated May 31. 1858, signed by David Sturges, Treas.
acknowledging the receipt of 100 ounces of Gold Bul-
lion from George March - the value thereof payable
to him or to order.

Mr. March opened an account by a deposit
of Cash in this Bank and left the above recited
document - the amount to be collected and placed
to his credit in account - but he omitted to
endorse the receipt, and has gone to Europe.

Under these circumstances, will you pay
the amount on my receipt for George March
& my statement of the application of the same to his
account?

Yours respectfully
E. Platt. Cashier

Of
To E. Platt Esq
Cash Savings Bank
for Seamen
New York

As to payment of
Must Certificate held
by him without
endorsement of party
to whom order is
drawn. - Reply that
the same cannot be
paid with being
duly endorsed.

July 26. 1858. -

Mint of the United States.
Philad.^a July 26. 1858.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the
24th inst.

I regret to inform you that the
regulations of the Mint will not allow the
payment of the certificate to which you refer
without the endorsement of Mr. March.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yours Respectfully,
James R. Ingram,
Director of the Mint.

E. Platt Esq.
Carr. Seaman, Canal for Savings,
New York.

Copy.

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. July 24, 1858.

Sir,

A remark ~~which~~ you made, during
your visit to the Mint, respecting Chancellor
Deane's purse, one of ~~the~~ ^{its early} Directors ~~of the~~
~~Mint~~, induced me to prepare the statement
which I herewith enclose for your accep-
tance.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

(enclosing list of Directors
of the Mint: tenure of office
&c. &c.)

To.

Hon Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury

Enclosing list
of Districts of the
Mint. - tenure of
Office &c

July 24. 1838. -

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

July 24th 1858

Sir

The Standard weight of invoice N^o 213
Silver bullion, Transmitted yesterday is 27,303.98
ozs. net value at \$ 1.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per oz. \$ 33,447.37 for
which I will thank you to remit, in half
dollars \$ 20,000. in Quarters \$ 13,447.37

Very Respectfully

Wm J. C. W.

J H Walton Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasurer

From

Mr Gleason

New York

July 24 1858

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July 26. 8.

Gentlemen.

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. I have to state that the new cent coin is paid out at the Mint in exchange only, for the pieces commonly known as the quarter, eighth and sixteenth of the Spanish pillar dollar, and of the Mexican dollar, and for the copper cents heretofore issued.

Enclosed I send you a copy of my circular in relation to the exchange of the new cent coin.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel A. B. Henderson
Director of the Mint.

Messrs. Hoig & Proctor,
No. 18 Liberty Street,
New York.

New York July 24. 58.

Sents!

Please send us 500 Dollars in new pennys at
the lowest market price, send the same per Express
payable in Galton delivery, we have use for that
amount ore probably more every week, should
this not be the way to transact your buisness you
will have the kindess and informe us, how we
shall proceed to get possession of new pennys
by doing so you will oblige

Yours Respectfully

L. Halphey
18 Liberty St.

From G

Messrs L. H. & Co
N^o. Liberty Street
New York

Exchange New
York coin

July 26. 1838. -

Treasury Department
July 21. 1858.

Sir

The enclosed letter received from the Treasurer of the Mint is submitted for your examination.

Be pleased to report to the Department your views in relation to the matters presented by the Treasurer.

I am very Res^l,
Yours truly
Sec of the Treasury

S. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Tom Co
Sec Treasury

In relation to certain
employees of the
Mint - claimed
by the Treasurer
General ^{being} ~~that~~ ^{appt} ~~for~~ ^{him}
(to be under) him
+ -

July 23. 1838. -

Mint of the United States

Treasurer's Office July 17th 1858

Sir,

By the Joint Resolution of Congress passed March 3^d 1857 it is declared that "Whereas, by existing laws the Treasurers of the United States Mint are required to give bond in heavy penalties for the faithful performance of their duties and of those under them; and whereas, it is but just that the selection of their clerks should be under their control; therefore Resolved, That so much of the second section of the act approved March 3, 1835 entitled 'An act to establish Branches of the Mint of the U.S.' as vests the appointments of the Clerks of the Treasurer in the Superintendent of each Mint be and the same is hereby repealed; and that the several Treasurers of the United States Mint be and they are hereby authorised to appoint their own clerks, subject however to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

It is evident from this resolution that Congress saw the injustice of the former law requiring the Treasurers to give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties, while the Clerks, or those whom he is compelled to trust with the subordinate performance of those duties were not of his own choosing, strangers perhaps, and placed in their positions often without his approbation or consent. Therefore the change by the resolution referred to.

In consequence of this law many of the persons employed in the Treasurers office hold their position by his appointment and are under his control. But I find, since taking upon myself the duties of my office that there are several persons acting as clerks or assistants to the Treasurer who derive their appointments from the Director of the Mint, employed as I understand under the 4th section of the Mint Act of Jan 18, 1837. The duties of these persons are responsible, and demand that they should have access to the gold and silver bullion or coin in the legal custody of the Treasurer. Three such persons, besides my clerk, are in the Weigh Room, in which all the gold & silver bullion brought to the Mint to be coined is deposited and weighed. Four others are in the Cent Room, in which is received all the Spanish money and old cents brought to the Mint to be exchanged for the new cents, and one of these persons signs receipts "for the Treasurer" for the value to be paid by the Mint to such depositors. Five others are in the Deposit melting room, in which the deposits are melted preliminary to assay, and while still in the legal custody of the Treasurer.

I draw your attention to these facts with a view to have you define to what department of the Mint do these employes belong. If to the Directory department, as their mode of appointments heretofore would seem to indicate, then am I released from all responsibility for the faithful performance by them of their respective duties? If to the Treasury Department, and I am to be

made responsible for the bullion and coin to which they have in charge or to which they have access, does not their appointment rest in me, subordinate to the Secretary of the Treasury, under the act of Mar 3, 1857 above quoted?

By the preamble of that act, the intention is evidently to give the full power of discipline, control & appointment by the Treasurers to "those under them". All the persons I have indicated are "under" me, in the sense that all their duties are performed in my office, and yet the Treasurer has never appointed them. The interpretation given to the law has apparently been that only the clerks paid from the appropriation for salaries are to be appointed by the Treasurer. But I think the intention of the act in using the word "Clerks" in the latter part of the law was to employ it as synonymous with the phrase "those under them" used in the preamble; so that all persons in the Treasurers office "under" him are embraced in the law. No other interpretation would appear to give to the Treasurer the means of protecting himself under the responsibility resting on him. But even upon a more narrow construction, I submit that those of the employes who perform clerks duties, - three in number, - are clearly embraced under the law & subject to my appointment.

Hon. Howell Cobb }
Secy of the Treas }
Washington }

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
J. H. Walter

Treasr

From

James H. Walton

Treas. of the Mint

Philadelphia

17 July 1858.

In relation to his responsibility
for certain persons employed in
his office.

W. Keane

P 16 July 19/58

Mint of the United States:
Philad^a. July 23. 1859.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st inst, enclosing a letter from Mr. Walton, the recently appointed Treasurer of the Mint, and asking my views in relation to the matter therein presented to your consideration.

The general mint ^{law} - act of law, 15. 1837 - prescribes the manner in which the appointment of officers, assistants and Clerks, are to be made, and by what authority workmen and servants shall be employed. namely, 1. The officers by the President of the U. States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. 2. Assistants and Clerks for the Director and Treasurer, by the Director with the approbation of The President. 3. All other employees, including workmen and servants, by the Director. The same mode of

making appointments, and of fixing em-
ployments, were authorised at the branches
of the Mint at New Orleans, Charlotte,
and Dahlonega by the act of Congress
establishing these branches, see sect. 2.
act of March 3. 1835. Mint pamph. p. 43.
The Superintendents having similar authority
at each branch as the Director at
the Mint proper.

Thus stood the law until the
year 1851, when, in consequence of
some misunderstanding and controversy
between the Superintendent and the Treas-
urer at the New Orleans branch, the
joint Resolution of the 3^d of March 1851
was passed. The phrasing of the
resolution shows that it was intended to
apply only to the branch mints. The
evading clause repeals the so much of
the act of March 3. 1835 (branch min-
ut) "as vests the appointments of the
Clerks of the Treasurer in the Superintendents
of each Mint." etc portion of the law.

establishing or relating to the Mint on the
~~and duties of the Director thereof,~~
was repealed. But I do not wish to
raise this point, or to question the power
of the Messengers of the Mint to appoint
their own Clerks subject to your approval.
But whilst the manner of appointing
Clerks, it is enacted, is thus changed,
the power to appoint assistants, workmen
and servants remains unaltered.

The Messenger has six clerks, besides
one in the Assistant Messengers. There are
within his power of removal, if you choose
with him in the expediency of doing so; but
the others that he mentions are not clerks;
they are assistants or clerks and workmen
performing highly useful and important
duties, which are so arranged as not
only to facilitate the business of the Mint,
but to act as checks and guards
upon others in reference to their accuracy
and fidelity. They likewise receive
a handsome compensation on the monthly
pay roll. The Clerks on the contrary receive

an enormous salary had previously from the
appropriations for salaries; they also take an
official oath and give bonds to the U. States
for the faithful performance of their duties.

Whilst I have in a preceding paragraph
conceded ^{in fact} that the power of nominating Clerks
for the Treasurer has been given to that
Officer I cannot help this occasion to help
without expressing my objection to this change
in the general policy of the Mint Law,
namely, the introduction of two appointing
powers in the same institution. The
appointment of subordinates by the Chief
Officer is a salutary check upon the
Officers who have the legal custody of
Coin and Bullion. Instead of advancing
further in that direction I think
it would be better, if we had it in our
power, to re-establish the law as it was
prior to the passage of the resolution of
March 3, 1857.

If the reasoning of the new
Treasurer is correct, referring as he does
to the preamble (which is no part of the law)

the Mallet and Spinner, the Chief Coiner, the
Masters of the Engraving ought to employ
"Halls under them" - their assistants, their
foremen and workmen, and thus destroy
the whole system of mint business which
has been in force since the year 1793.

As no provision was made for an additional
Clerk when the Act of Feb. 21, 1857 was passed,
I found it necessary to transfer an experienced
and competent person (Mr. J. J. Griffith) from
the mint room to the "Cent House", to take
charge of the business (subordinate to the
mint Clerk) of receiving the old Spanish
and Mexican Silver Coins, and old Cents.
He has but a temporary charge of the Bullion
and Copper, for the Silver Coins are transferred
daily to the mint room and thence
to the deposit melting room, and then
aggregated weight compared with the
Memoranda kept in the Cent house. The
old Cents are immediately melted into bars.
But if Mr. Mallet proposes it, I certainly have

he objections to his signing the receipts himself
and thus advice the receipt of Mr.
Griffith signing them "for the Treasurer";
that was the best arrangement I could
make, and is for the ease of the Treasurer
I think, on further experience he will
find it very unobjectionable: as yet, he
has been but a few days with us.

On turning upon the subject under con-
sideration I beg to refer you to the "Instruction
relative to the Transaction of business at the
Mint and its Branches," printed in
pamphlet form, and particularly to pp. 3.
4. & 5. Sect. 1. 2 & 7. and to page 19. Sect. 11.
I also send herewith a copy of the
"Regulations to carry into effect the act
of Feb. 21, 1857 relating to the foreign
Coins and the Coinage of Cents; and
a copy of a letter to Dickinson, late Treas-
urer, relative to clerical duties at the mint
and his reply thereto.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

July 23^d 1858

Sir

As per Rept & invoice ~~no~~ 213 enclosed, I have this day transmitted by The Adams Express Company, fourteen boxes Silver Bullion, weighing 27, 319.25 ounces gross, the net value of which & mode of payment will be furnished tomorrow.

Very Respectfully

J H Dalton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Waco
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York

July 23 1858

No. 213

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Fourteen boxes, containing
Silver Bullion, of the net value of (*\$* 27, 369.25)

Net Value Tomorrow _____ Dollars,
100

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *July 23* 1858

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

W. L. Brann

ORIGINAL.

Boston July 23d. 1858

Sir

Since the introduction of the new cut into our national currency, the old coffee cut is, I understand, forwarded to the Mint in large quantities where it is melted up. Among them must necessarily be some rare coins, such as Washington cents &c. These to the Antiquarian are valuable. Could I by coming to Philadelphia be allowed to look over some of these, for the purpose of enlarging my collection. You will oblige greatly by giving an early answer.

Respectfully Yours

Nathan S. Perkins

of
Jm R.

Nathan S. Perkins
Boston Mass

Permission to examine
all coins prior to
being melted at
the mint asked
and granted

Aug 20 6. 1838. -

July 26. 8.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of
the 23^d inst I have to state
that I will gladly give you
an opportunity of examining
such of the New Cent's as are
well melted, for the purpose
of enabling you to make
selections for your Cabinet.

Very respectfully

James R. Anderson
Director of the Mint.

Mr. Nathan S. Perkins
Boston,
Mass.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

July 22. 1858

Sir

As per receipt and invoice N^o 212,
I have this day transmitted by The Adams
Express Company, ten boxes Silver Bullion; of
the net value of \$23,531.96 contains gold
\$1250.13 net; I will thank you to remit the
former amount in Quarter dollars; and the
latter in gold coins, at your earliest possible
convenience

Very Respectfully

J H Wallcut Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm Jisco
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco ^{New York}
July 22 1888

No. *212*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

2 boxes, containing

Ten

Bullion, of the net value of (*\$ 24782.09*)

Twenty four thousand

Seven hundred eighty two

9
100 Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *July 22* 185*8*.

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

A. L. Brown

ORIGINAL.

Department of the Interior.
July 22^d 1858.

Sir,

Herewith are enclosed forty six coupons, value eleven hundred and fifty Dollars, and a draft on the President of the Bank of Pennsylvania for twelve hundred and fifty Dollars, amounting together to two thousand four hundred Dollars. This amount is the semi-annual interest due the 1st proximo on five per cent Stocks of the State of Pennsylvania, held by the Secretary of the Interior in trust for Indian Tribes.

I will be obliged if you will collect the same, deposit it to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States and forward certificates in the usual form.

Very respectfully,
Yours obed^t Serv^t

Moses Kelly
Acting Secretary.

J. Ross Snowden Esqr.
Director U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

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Hon Mary Kelley
Act Sec Interior

Enclosing order
on Bank of Penn +
46 coupons - Int +
on State Loan + for
collection

July 23, 1886 -

Jmc

Treasury Department,
Comptrollers Office
July 21st 1858

J. Rob Knowden Esq
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

Your account for the
Manufacture of Medals for the 1st 2^d 1858 has
this day been adjusted at the Treasury per Rep:
No 131.501 and a balance found to be due
from you to the U. S. of \$1,929.32
which agrees with your statement.

Very Respectfully

Your obdt servt.

W. M. D.
Comptroller.

of
Hon H Medill
Comptroller
Washington

Adjustment of
Medal A/c 1st ✓
Quarter 1858. -

July 22, 1858. -

Louisville Ky

July 21st
1838

Mr J R P Snider

Dear Sir

Enclosed you
will find a Draft on N.Y. ^{\$400.}
which you will please trans-
mit to me in Silver of
Adams Express - with many
thanks for your attention to
my request

I remain your truly

Laurence Smith

From To

J. L. Smith Esq

Louisville

Ky. —

Draft for \$400 —

Silver Bars

Sent therefor

July 27, 1858. —

July 27 8.

Dear Sir;

In response to your letter of the 21st inst, enclosing a draft for \$400, I send you, per the Adams Express Co. Silver bars, as follows:

Amount 288.51 - 998 thousandths
fine = 319.93 oz. Standard
silver. This is at 125 1/2 = \$399.91
and in coin
amt. of draft, — \$400.00

Very truly & respectfully

J. B. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

J. Laurence Smith Esq
Louisville
Kentucky.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 21 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$26,525.92
in Gold Coins, by The Adams Express Company
in payment for invoice N^o 211.

Very Respectfully

J H Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. L. C. Coe

Treasurer

JULY - 20 - 1858

HON. HENRY M. PHILLIPS
#126 S. 6TH ST. PHILA.
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Hon. J. R. Snowden

Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

When

I had the pleasure of an interview with you last week, you did not mention the subject of appointments in your department. It is to me the source of annoyance, insult & injury. My inability is interpreted to be unfitness & therefore I am desirous to know from you if a few (not exceeding eight or ten) can be appointed there at my instance & recommendation in all this month (July). It is essential to my comfort & to my interest that

I should know: the knowledge is
important to me & you will very much
oblige me if you will favor me with
this information at an early period

Very truly yours
Henry M. Phillips

126 L: 6th St.

July 20. 1888.

Wm L

Hon A M Phillips
M. L.
Phil

In relation to appointment
of "eight" unknown
in the Mint.

July 22. 1858. -

Copy

Mint of the United States.
Phila. July 22. 1858.

Dear Sir,

My absence from town
yesterday and the day before
has prevented an earlier reply
to your note of the 20th inst.

In answer to your enquiry
I regret to say that I could not
find a place to put "eight"
workmen, or indeed a solitary
ordinary workmen, anywhere
in the Mint. A single workmen,
~~any where in the Mint~~ one who
is a first rate Machinist,
I might possibly find a place
for: and I spoke of this
when I had the pleasure
of seeing you.

I would be glad to
oblige you but the employment

of the number of Workmen
indicated in your note
is out of my power.

Very Truly yours,
(Signed) James Ross Snowden

Am Ann M Phillips
Member of Congress
South 6th St

JULY-20-1858

W. M. S. GRANT

PHILA., PA.

Philad^a July 20 1858

Robert Patterson Esq
U. S. Mint -
Or Sir

Your favor of this date
is received - I have no author

ity from my Brokers to settle the Bill
you refer to, and have written to them
today in regard to it, and as soon as
I hear from them, will take pleasure
in sending you the Amount of the Bill
should they authorize me to do so -

Very Respectfully Yours
J. M. Smith.

From

Wm S Grant

Phila

July 20 1858

Buffalo July 20/58

Jas R. Snowden Esq
Director of the U S Mint

Dear Sir
Please

send me a list of the prices you
pay for Premium Silver (American
and foreign) and oblige.
What do you make returns in?

Yours Respectfully
W. Harman Smith

Circular (Silver) sent
July 22. 1858.

From
H Norman Smith
Buffalo
N.Y.

Price paid for
Silver -
—

July 22, 1888. -

JULY-19-1858

To
J Winslow
New York

In ^{reply} ~~relation~~ to his
letter respecting Copper
for Sale at the Mint

July 29, 1858. —

July 19 8

Sir,

In reply to your recent note I have to state that the Copper authorized to be coined has been disposed of.

The blanks from which the Copper cents were struck were purchased, — not being prepared at the Mint I am unable to reply to the remark you make in reference to a manufacturer "about $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 per cent. of an hundred alloy" in them.

No brokerage or commissions are in any case allowed.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

M^r: J. Winslow.

Box n^o: 1054,

New York.

July 24. 8

Gentlemen.

I have received your letter
of the 19th inst.

I refer you to my last Annual
report for the information you desire in
relation to foreign gold and silver coin,
to be found in the Report of the Secretary of
the Treasury on the Finances 1856-7, page
48 and onwards.

Very Respectfully,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Messrs Johnson Phillips & Co.
No 31 Chestnut Street.
Saint Louis,

JOHNSON, PHILLIPS & CO.,
EXCHANGE, BANKING AND COLLECTION OFFICE,
No. 31 CHESNUT STREET, SAINT LOUIS.

Saint Louis, July 19 1858

To the Superintendent of
U.S. Mint at
Philadelphia

Sir: Will you oblige
me by sending by return mail your list of rates
for foreign Gold & Silver Coin. Your attention
will be esteemed a favor by

Yours very
Johnson Phillips & Co

Stamp to free return.

Refer him to my last
annual report to the
Committee in Rept. of Sec.
of the Treas. in the financial
1856-7 page 48 and
onwards.

JOHNSON, PHILLIPS & CO.
EXCHANGE, BANKING AND COLLECTION OFFICE
209 SOUTH STREET, SAINT LOUIS

J. W. D.

*Messrs Johnson Phillips & Co.
Saint Louis
Mo*

Value of Foreign Coins

July 24, 1871.

JULY-18- 1858

Detroit July 18/32

Mr Sturgeon

Sir

I have sent you By Express
a box of Silver if you could
send gold coin in stead of Silver
I should like it better I may send
more I would like to know whether
you pay in gold coin for Silver or
not

Yours Pa

J. B. Leavenworth

Detroit Mich

From

J B Leavenworth

Detroit

July 18 1858

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 17th 1858

Sir

I am in receipt, by The Adams
Express Company, of \$20,172.14 instead of
\$20,172.16 as advised in your letter of the 16th
instant, in payment for invoice N^o 210.

In order to obviate the necessity of an ad-
justment for the two cents short, it would per-
haps be advisable to include them in your
next remittance

Very Respectfully

Wm. J. Cress

J. H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
July 17th 1858

OFFICE OF THE
Association for the Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations,
218 BROADWAY.

New York, May 16th 1854.

To the Hon. The Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir, I send per Adams' Express this day the
die for Crystal Palace Medals from which
be pleased to strike off 1190 in Bronze. —

The number of silver ones I will advise you of
hereafter. I enclose a copy of the letter this
day received from the Secretary of the Treasury
authorizing me to make the present application.

The expenses actually incurred for materials
will be promptly paid, as well as all necessary
outlay upon the receipt of a notification of the
amount due. I have the honor Sir

to remain with sentiments of
the highest regard & esteem
Your obed^t. & obliged
P. T. Barnum - Pres^t

From.

P. T. Barnum

Pres^t of the Ass^o for
the Exhibition of the Industry
of all Nations,

N York

Sending dies for Medals
by
Directors Am^s enclosed

17. May 1854.

OFFICE OF THE

Association for the Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations,

218 BROADWAY.

—♦♦♦— May 16^E
New York, ~~April 19th~~, 1854.

Dear Sir

The number of silver Medals
required is 125.

Truly Yours

P. T. Barnum Pres

Minst of the United States
Phila. May 18. 1854

Sir,

I have your letter of the 11th inst
and have also examined the check referred to.
But I must claim your indulgence for a
few days before writing definitely on the
subject of striking your medals at the
Mint.

I am, with great respect,
your obt. servant,

James R. Snowden
Director.

P. J. Barnum Esq.
Comd. of the N. Y. P. M. Exhibition
of the Industries of all Nations,

New York

(Copy.)

Treasury Department
May 15th 1854

Sir, In reply to your communication of the 12th I have to say that the Director of the Mint has been authorized to have the Medals for the Association for the Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations struck at the Mint - the applicants furnishing the material and paying the actual expense incurred.

I am very respectfully,
(Signed) James Guthrie
Sec. Treasury

P. J. Barriss Esq

Oxford Butler County
Ohio July the 16th 1858
To the Director of the Mint
Dear Sir

I deposited in the
Mint ^{on} the 26 of last month
for Coining 3970 $\frac{1}{4}$ Dwt
Gold Bullion the Assay report
was to have been forwarded
by Post to this place but
it has not come - You will
greatly Oblige by forwarding
it as soon as possible

Yours &c

Jas. W. Messler

Receipt No 534

From

Gas W. Messler

Oxford Butler Co Ohio

July 16 1888

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1858 / JULY

U.S. Mint correct correspondence 1858/July

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 16. 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt of the
Adams Express Company, and invoice N^o 211,
of one box gold bullion, of the net value of
\$ 21,525.92 for which I will thank you to
emit double Eagles in payment.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Walton Esq.

Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. M. Schoon

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco

New York

July 16th 1858

No. *211*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

One boxes, containing

Gold Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 26,525.92)

Twenty Six Thousand, five

Hundred & Twenty Five $\frac{92}{100}$ Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York,

July 10 185*8*

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

[Signature]

ORIGINAL.

JULY - 15, 1858

July. 15. 1858

504. Walnut-St.

J. Robt. Snowden Esq

Dr Sir.

I wish very much
to know if I could procure
from you, Specimens of
the half Cents, issued from
the mint during the last
five or six years? What
would be the Charge for
the same - the Historical
Society of Connecticut have
made an application
to me to the above effect -

And I take the liberty of
addressing you in relation
to the same -

I am resp. Yrs

Jas. W. Garlekinet.

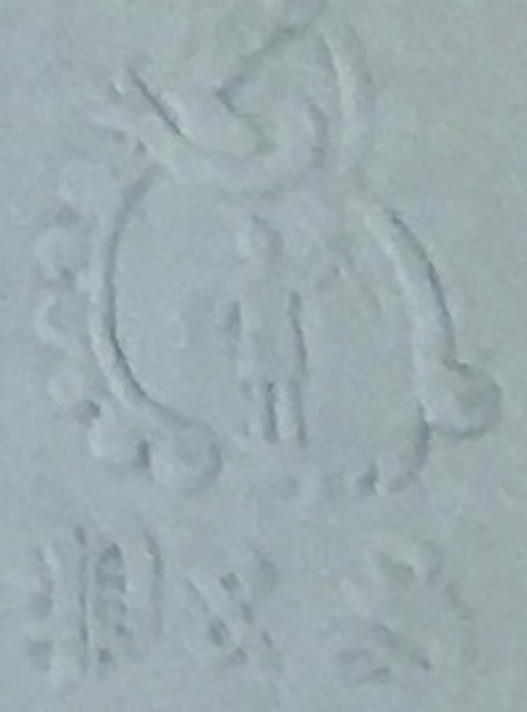
to J. Ross Snowden Esq

U. S. Mint.

From

Ja. B. Haylehurst

July 15 1858


Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
July 13th 1888

Wm Paul Sturges
Caly Treasurer of the N. S. M. M.
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day
received your ordinary account
from July 1st to the 10th inst

Very Respectfully
Yours obly serv

N. S. M. M.
Auditor

From

J. L. Smith

1st and

Washington

Recd

July 15/58

Treasury Department
First auditors office
July 14th 1858

Wm Paul Sturgess
late Treasurer N. S. Mount
Philadelphia

Sir

I enclose herewith one of the
Pay Rolls for May, not receipted.

Please supply the omission & return
to this office as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully
Yours obed^t serv^t

J. L. Smith
Auditor

From

J L Smith
Auditor

July 14 1888

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

July 14. 1858

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of \$21,471.24 in payment of invoice N^o. 209.

As for receipt and invoice N^o 210. enclosed I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Company, Eight boxes Silver Bullion, of the net value of \$20,065.83 containing gold \$106.33 net. in payment for which I will thank you to remit as follows.

For exchange, in dbl Eagles \$5000.

Thru Ct. pces 6.000.

Quarters 9.065.83

Gold Coins 106.33

\$20,172.16

Very Respectfully

James A Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm L Cisco
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York

July 14th 1858

No. *210*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Eight boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of *18* \$ *20,172.16*

Twenty thousand

One hundred Seventy two $\frac{16}{100}$ Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *July 14* 1858.

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

[Signature]

ORIGINAL.

Treasurers Office

W. Westmore July 13th 1858

James Ross Snowden Esq
Treas. of the Mint
Philadelphia } W. L. L.

Will you be kind enough to inform me, upon what terms you will take the Old Spanish, or Mexican quarters, at the Mint. We have been taking them at this Office, and have a small quantity on hand. Be so good as to give us some information in regard to it. & much oblige

Yours Obedt Servt.
W. Taylor Treasr.
J. Lynch

Emma

Emma

Tom Do
Pensacola Luzerne Co.
P. Taylor - Treas. - PA

Price of Old Silver
coin

July 15, 1857.

JULY-13-1858

To the Sec. Treasury

Inform him that James
Hutton Esq the
newly appointed
Treasurer & ex officio
Ass^t Treas^r. U.S.
has entered on the
performance of his
official duties

July 13. 1838. —

July 13, 9.

Sir,
I have the honor to report that on yesterday James H. Walton Esq, the recently appointed Treasurer of the Mint, and ~~ex~~ ^{officio} Assistant Treasurer of the U. S., entered upon the performance of his official duties.

The monies in the Treasury of the Mint and the U. S. Treasury were transferred from the retiring Treasurer, D. Surgeon, to the present incumbent.

The balances stated to be in the Mint proper
were \$ 253,485.00
in the Assistant Treasury 637,537.45

I superintended in person the Count of the monies, and to ensure accuracy the coins were counted from the bags, and weighed, on separately counted.

The books, papers, forms, accounts &c. pertaining to the above office were transferred to the incoming officer.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant
James H. Walton, Auditor

Hon. Howell Cobb.
Sec. of the Treasury.

Elipha Loring Co Ohio July 13/58
Mr Daniel Sturgeon

Dr Sir

I have your favor of
2 inst in which you say you purchase
Silver at 122 1/2 cts per ounce standard -

Will you please say to me by
mail what you will pay me by sft
on N.Y. for silver sent you free by Express
and at same time say what kinds of
silver in your proposition.

I have a proposition from a
Philadelphia House but would prefer
sending to the mint as I know nothing
of their responsibility - Their offer is 123
per ounce -

I have - 1/16 1/8 1/4 1/2 & dollars Spanish
& Mexican Coins - American 1/4 & 1/2 pieces
to 53 date -

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
E. B. Benson

From

E. B. Bronson

Elyria Lorain Co

Ohio

July 13 1858

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

July 10 1858

Sir

I am in receipt of \$41,715.30
in gold coins, and draft in your favor, for
\$8,284.70 being the balance (\$50000.) due on
invoice N^o 208.

Very Respectfully

P Sturgeon Esq.

Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia

Wm J. C. Wice

Treasurer

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \text{ } 7 \text{ } 500 \text{ } 92 \text{ } 5000 \text{ } (54,35 \\ 92 \text{ } 460 \text{ } 92 \\ 400 \\ 368 \\ 320 \\ 276 \text{ } 48915 \\ 440 \\ 461-500020 \end{array}$$

From

J J Cisco

New York

July 10th 1858

103 Walnut St.

Philadelphia July 10th 1857

Hon. J. R. Snowden,

Director of United States Mint.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your wishes expressed personally to us, and through Prof. Booth, we have written to parties in New York and elsewhere, making inquiries in relation to the price of Nickel to be purchased in the market. We give below extracts from the letters received in reply to our inquiries. On June 12 we wrote to W. L. Hubbard Esq. of New York, requesting him to buy us some Nickel the quality of which could be depended upon. He wrote in reply, under date of June 13th as follows:—

"Nickel is scarce in the market; but I can get for you 1000 lbs., 400 deliverable now, and 600 in one month, of 99¢ Herber brand, warranted for \$1.55 per lb."

This being so small a quantity and the price too high, we wrote to the Benedict & Burnham Mfg. Co. of Waterbury Conn., who are largely engaged in the manufacture of German Silver, and whom we have been supplying with Nickel for some years past, — to request them to send us, or buy for us, some Nickel. They replied under date of June 12th — "Yours of 10th is rec'd. We telegraphed you

"that we were not prepared to do anything for you
 "and I hardly know what now to do in the
 "way of procuring Nickel for you - I will send
 "Meyer N. York to have him send you by ex-
 "press, one case of Nickel, represented to be 60
 "% Nickel, for which he wants \$1.- per lb.
 "You can try it and see what it contains (Alloy
 "is to be copper only) and if it will answer your
 "purpose you can order more of it on our ac or
 "yours - We shall want 1000 lbs. Nickel next
 "month."

This Nickel we submitted to a careful
 analysis, in order to determine whether it was
 practicable to use it in the Cent alloy. You
 will notice that in the above extract it is rep-
 resented to be 60 % Nickel and 40 % Copper,
 but our analysis proved the composition of
 it to be far different. The result gave -

Nickel	—	56.00	per Cent.
Copper	—	35.00	" "
Iron	—	4.30	" "
Silica	—	1.50	" "
Carbon	—	2.00	" "

besides a quan-
 tity of alkaline earths and a trace of Sulphur, which
 were not estimated. We used a portion of
 this Nickel in the Cent Alloy, putting in a lar-
 ger proportion than than we use of our metal,

but the foreign matter in it reduced the percentage of Nickel in the alloy to 11.3 instead of 12 as it should be, and your assayer detected a quantity of Iron. Thus it was soon proved both by careful analysis and practical tests, that this compound was totally unfit for use at the Mint, and we now have it on our hands, not knowing what to do with it, as it would cost as much to re-refine it as it would to refine Nickel direct from the ore, besides taking as long a time.

Mr Benedict wrote again under date of June 29th "You will please send us 1000 lbs. Nickel at once. We have now but one box left"

Of course we were unable to fill this order while your wants were so pressing, and we wrote him he would have to get it elsewhere.

Mr Hubbard wrote again July 1st "I have seen Mr Hart about Nickel and he wants \$1.75 for pure (as he says). He can give you 1000 lbs. cash nett" "Fleitman & R. think they can sell you 400 lbs. @ 1.⁶⁶²/₃" "99¢. also 500 lbs. 95¢ @ \$1.⁶⁰. It will depend upon the letters received to-day whether they can spare it or not - think they can - will let me know to-morrow."

We wrote in reply to Mr Hubbard requesting him to purchase the last mentioned Nickel at the price named but they declined his offer, saying that Nickel was

using and they preferred not to sell.

From the foregoing you will see the state of the market, and the impossibility of buying any quantity of Nickel and also that the quality of the imported metal is not to be depended upon for purity or uniformity, to say nothing of the high prices at which it is held.

Our smelting works in Lancaster County are now working well, and are giving us a large supply of matte. We are pushing our new buildings along vigorously, and will soon be in a condition to more than double our present capacity for refining Nickel and making the alloy, and we hope we will in the course of two or three weeks give you as much as the demand for the new cent calls for.

Yours Respectfully
Buck Simonin Hoag

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia,

185

From / Buck, Simonin & Co.
Philadelphia,
July 11th 1857.

Scarcity of ticked in the market.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

OFFICE OF THE
Secretary OF THE Commonwealth,

Harrisburg, Pa. July 10 1858

My Dear Sir,

Your letter reached me on my return to Harrisburg last evening.

The one thousand copies of the Geo. Report, will be exhausted under the laws directing their distribution, and I do not feel at liberty to use my discretion outside.

Can you not procure an order from some Senator or member, from 1851 to 1858, for his copy, as a matter of

favor, or for a few dollars.
It is highly probable the next
Legislature will purchase and
distribute more freely.

I trust you will do me the
justice, not to attribute my non-
compliance with your wishes,
to want of courtesy in a
direction when it would give
me peculiar pleasure to ex-
tend courtesy.

I remain
very truly
Your friend
Wm. Butler

Yr

Wm J. R. Snowdon
Flies.

From

Wm. H. Hoester

July 10/58

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 9th 1858.

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst. acknowledging receipt of invoice N^o 208, is received, also \$41,520.49 in gold coins, on ac^t of the same.

Very Respectfully

P Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Esq
Treasurer

From

J. J. Cisco, Treas

New York

Rec'd

July 10/58

Wm. J. Cisco

Wm. J. Cisco

Wm. J. Cisco

Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia, July 29th, 1858.

Sir:

Enclosed you will find for Mr.
Snyder Agent receipt for \$100. in aid of the
fund forwarded to you in return for draft
enclosed in your letter of 9th.

Very respectfully,
Thos. M. Smith

Director of the Mint

Wm. H. Smith:
Cashier of the Bk. of the U. S.
Milwaukee:



State Bank of Wisconsin

John G. Inbusch, Pres.
W. S. Scott, Cash.

Milwaukee, 9 July 1858

James A. Sparden Esq

Director I have received your favor
of _____ and Enclose for collection _____

From I hand you my check on Phoenix \$200.
which amount please return me in New Pennies

Respectfully
W. S. Scott
Cash

Tom L.

State Bank & Wisconsin

Milwaukee

Wis

Draft for \$200. - per.
New cert - sent there for

Aug 19, 1888. -

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
Aug 9 1858

Hon: David Sturgeon
Late Treasurer R. I. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day received your Ac
of Adm. Expenses for the Quarter ending 30th June last

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt:

J. H. Smith
Auditor

From

J. L. Smith

1st and

Washington

Rec'd

July 10/58

JULY-9-1858

July 15. 8.

Sir

I have caused the piece of metal, enclosed in your letter of the 8th inst, to be assayed. It is a compound of gold, silver, copper and other base metals, and is worth about \$3.13 per ounce, Troy. It could not be received at the mint at the above rate, because it would have to undergo a process of refining sufficient to make it ductile.

No deposits for coinage are received unless of the value of one hundred dollars. If that amount of this metal is sent I can then determine the amount required, as a deduction, to make it suitable for coinage.

Very respectfully

Wm. James D. Collis

Anderson, Indiana.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Anderson Ind July 9th 1858

Sir

Please inform me
what the Enclosed metal is worth
per Oz. And what you will
give for it if I send you some

Very Respectfully to

James. D. Collis.
Jeweller

The sample is a compound of gold, silver,
copper and various base metals, and yields
about \$3.17 per ounce. It could not be received
at the Mint, without first undergoing a process
of refining, sufficient to render it ductile.

Mr
Amos A. Colles
Jeweller
Anderson
Ind. —

Sample of metal
assay value
thereof

July 15, 1888. —

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

July 8. 1858

Sir

I herewith enclose receipt of the Adams Express Company, and invoice N^o 209 of nine boxes Silver Bullion, of the net value of \$21,471.24 in payment for which I will thank you to remit \$20,000. in double eagles, due on invoice N^o 208 in substitution for Silver. and \$1,471.24 in Quarter dollars.

Very Respectfully

J. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Sice
Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
July 8th 1858

No. *209*

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Nine boxes, containing

Silver Bullion, of the net value of (\$ *21 471.24*)

Twenty One Thousand, four

Hundred & Twenty One ^{*24*}/₁₀₀ Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, *July 8* 1858

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

A. Babcock

ORIGINAL.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia, July 27th, 1858.

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed receipt of
Amount \$2500 paid Agent for Area purchased in recd
Notes of draft enclosed in your letter of 2nd inst.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours &c.

Director of Mint.

City Bank of America & Co.
Ottawa, Ill.

Henry F. Eames.
Edwin C. Allen.
Wm. C. Churchill.
Fred. W. Leonard.

City Bank
EAMES, ALLEN & CO.

Ottawa, Ill. July 8th 1858

Manager U. S. Mint
Philadelphia,
Dear Sir

Remitted
on \$9835 on J. T. Nicholas Bank
New York \$100—

Please send us for same new
cents - for 4 pms.

Yrs truly
E. C. Allen

Wm G

James Allen & Co.

Ottawa

20

Draft \$100. —

Sam Am & Co. cert
for amount thereof

July 29, 1858. —

Executive Department
Austin Texas July 8th
1858.

To the
Hon. James Ross Snowden.
Director United States Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

Your esteemed favor
of the 18th ult. is duly received and I
have to tender you my sincere thanks for
your kind and valuable services in behalf
of this State.

The copy of the Contract with Mr
Proemmer overlooked in my last is here-
with enclosed.

With great respect
Your Obt Servt.
H R Runnels

Copy.

Mr Henry Troemner, the undersigned proposes to do the undermentioned work for the State of Texas according to the various articles herein mentioned. The said work to be made in the best manner and style. and Fifty sets shall be finished and ready for delivery in four months time (or sooner) from the receipt of the order, and any additional number in the same proportion of time.

The above mentioned work shall be.
Standard Scales, Weights and Measures.
and composed of the following articles, to wit.
Liquid Measures.

One gallon, one $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon, one quart, one pint, one $\frac{1}{2}$ pint
and one gill.

Dry Measures.

One $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel, one $\frac{1}{2}$ peck, one $\frac{1}{4}$ peck and one quart.

The above measures to be made of Copper.
One Steel Beam with iron column, Copper dishes
and brass chains to be used for testing small weights
One Iron Beam and dishes (without column) to be
used for testing 50 lbs 25 lbs and 20 lbs iron weights
One 50 lbs and one twenty pound iron weights.
One 4 lbs 2 lbs 1 lb $\frac{1}{2}$ lb $\frac{1}{4}$ lb $\frac{1}{8}$ lb $\frac{1}{16}$ lb & $\frac{1}{32}$ lbs Brass weights

enclosed in a Mahogany Block and finely finished.

One Standard Yard Stick to be made of Brass.

The price of a set of the above description will be "One hundred and sixty five" dollars (\$165.00) and the Packing and Insurance, shall be at the expense of the State, but superintended by the undersigned.

The mark or Stamp adopted by the State shall be imprinted on each and every article belonging to the Set.

The money for the payment of the above shall be placed in the hands of James Ross Snowden Esqr Director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia and the different payments made at his option, as the work progresses.

On the completion of the different sets which shall be ordered they shall be examined by a Committee appointed by James Ross Snowden Director of the U.S. Mint, and approved by them before being sent to their destination.

Henry Troemner.

On the approval of the above contract by
the Governor of the State of Texas the same shall
be binding on the respective parties.

James B Shaw
Comptroller & Agent of the State of Texas.

Phil^a April 22nd 1858.

Approved 3rd June 1858
J. B. Rusk
Gov^r

From
His Ex for Rumsels
Austin
Texas

Enclosing copy of
contract A. Freeman
for furnishing State
of Texas with High
measures.

Aug 22, 1858.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

July 7 1858

Sir

On the 2nd inst I Transmitted
by the Adams Express Company, two boxes, gold
bullion, of the net value of \$121,520.49
the receipt of which has not yet been acknow-
ledged.

Very Respectfully

J. Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint,
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Coo

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco
New York
July 7th 1858

27
20

May 23^d 1838
Secy B. F. F. Soc
Washington

26 Prange
Medals Sent
per Express.

July 7, 1838. —

July 7. 8.

Sir,

I forward to-day to your address
per Adams Express Co. a box containing
26 bronze medals for U. S. Agricultural
Society.

Very Respectfully,
Samuel R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Maj. G. Perley Poor
U. S. A. Society.
Washington City.

JULY-7-1858

as above
as per
as per
as per

Pitchfield, Conn^t

July 7 1858

J R Snornden Esq

Dr Sir

I send you by
Express to day directed "N.S.
Mint" "Philadelphia Pa" a box
containing $268.\frac{55}{100}$ doll. in packages
of the following descriptions to be ex-
changed for the new one cent coin

18 packages 50 cents each old pennies. 9.00

9 " 20 doll " Spanish 1/4 180.00

1 " 17 " " " 17.00

1 " $16.\frac{25}{100}$ " " 1/8 16.25

1 " 25 " " " 25.00

1 " $21.\frac{30}{100}$ " " 1/6 21.30

Please acknowledge rec^t. 268.55

Oblige Yours Resp^t

Geo H Baldwin

Pitchfield, Connecticut

1.45
230.00

I
from Jas at Baedun
Litchfield
Conn

308 Marked

Wp plan Com's furnished
for Exchange
on New Act

July 9. 1837.

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J. F.
Tom & Co

Messrs Harris, Marchant
Maysonth & Co.

Respecting loss sustained
by them on deposit made
at assay office

Letter of Supt U.S. Assay Office
in relation to the above deposit
enclosed. —

July 19. 1858.

United States Assay Office,

New York, July 7, 1858.

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the 3rd inst., asking explanation respecting the loss in melting sustained by gold deposit No. 3447-A, made at this Office on the 26th March last by B. Berard & Co.

The deposit in question, consisting of Californian Bars, weighed before melting Oz. 1262.09
after melting Oz. 1260.95

Upon a careful adjustment by the Weight-club, an allowance was made of .16 making the net weight after melting 1261.11 and showing a loss of 0.98 which is equivalent to about two per cent. The bars returned from the melting room I found marked in the Adjustment Book "very brittle."

These are all the facts that I am able to gather respecting this deposit.

The loss in this instance is a little beyond the average ratio of loss in melting

as shown by the experience of this Office
in the year 1857,) a tabular statement of
which is given in my letter to you of
the 25th Feb. last. In the month of June
just past, the average was about 600
per cent. I sincerely hope that our
Mills & Refiners may be able to reach
a lower rate still. These complaints
from depositors are exceedingly vexatious
and embarrassing, and if they are to
continue to attend our operations in future,
I trust you will give a favorable
consideration to the suggestion I have
heretofore made for restoring the al-
lowance to depositors for what is ab-
sorbed by the embezzlement.

The memorandum enclosed in your
letter is herewith returned.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt.,

S. D. Butterworth
Supt

Wm. J. P. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

July 26th 1857. 8.

Gentlemen,

On the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. with its inclosure, I asked an explanation of the defect from the Superintendent of the assay office at New York, where the defect was noticed, in reply to which I received the following statement: "The defect in question, consisting of California bars, weighed before melting."

After melting

Cy. 1. 100.95

After a careful adjustment by the assay clerk,

an allowance was made of

Making the net weight after melting

100.00

And showing a loss of

Cy. 1. 0.95

which is equivalent to about 1/10 per cent. The bars returned from the melting room I find marked in the adjustment book "any better."

These are all the facts that I am able to gather respecting this defect. The loss in this instance is a little beyond the average rate of loss in melting, as shown by the experience of this office in the year 1857.

Ordinarily it may be supposed that bar gold is so solid & pure as to be free from loss, and as likely to be exempt from loss after melting as silver coins, which, however, are always the best subjects for this character have been found occasionally to exceed the average loss in melting. Every effort that can be devised to insure accurate returns of deposits has been adopted, and with satisfactory results. In the case of the character of the deposit, it is but just to presume that the loss is a fair one. The Government employs the best means derivable for facilitating deposits in such cases and has no means of responding to reclamations.

heads of this kind, especially where the facts indicate care in the molting
and fairness in the return of a defect.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours of the Mint

Wm. H. Harris & Marchand,
Marysville,
California.

BANKING & COLLECTION OFFICE

OF

William J. Welles.

Collections Promptly attended to, and Proceeds Remitted at Current Rates of Exchange.

References: Metropolitan Bank N.Y.
Geo. Smith & Co. Chicago.
Michigan Insurance Co. Detroit.
Mech. Savings Loan & Trust Co. Chicago.
Peninsular Bank, Detroit.

Grand Rapids, Mich. July 6th 1858

M. Sup. J. S. Mint

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith for

~~collection and my credit~~

my 795 on Metropolitan Bank \$ 50.
for avails of which. Please send me
cents of the latest coinage.

Respy

W. J. Welles
In Brighton

Went of the United States
Phila. July 2nd, 1858

To:

Enclaved please find Adams & Co. Express
Account receipt for \$100. in New York this day
forwarded to you for payment of draft enclosed
in your letter of 6th inst.
Very respectfully,
Charles

Charles of the Unit.

A. J. Milled, Esq.;
Grand Rapids,
Michigan.

From To

Wm J Wells

Grand Rapids Mich.

Draft for \$50 enclosed. - Ten
cents sent for Express therefor

July 19, 1858. -

Philadelphia 6th / 58

To Col. J. R. Snowden

Dear Sir

Hackett has met with an accident which disfigures his face and prevents him from attending to his employment; he therefore begs to be excused for a short time and he will be at work as soon as he possibly can.

Yours Resp
D. Hackett
Per. E. W. Francis

Yours A. Hackett
Phil^a

Excuse mine for
~~some~~ not being
at work!

July 6. 1858. —

JULY-6-1858

To.
Sec Treasury

Dr Statement of
Expenditures quarter
ending June 30, 1858.

July 6, 1858. -

July 6. 8.

Sir,

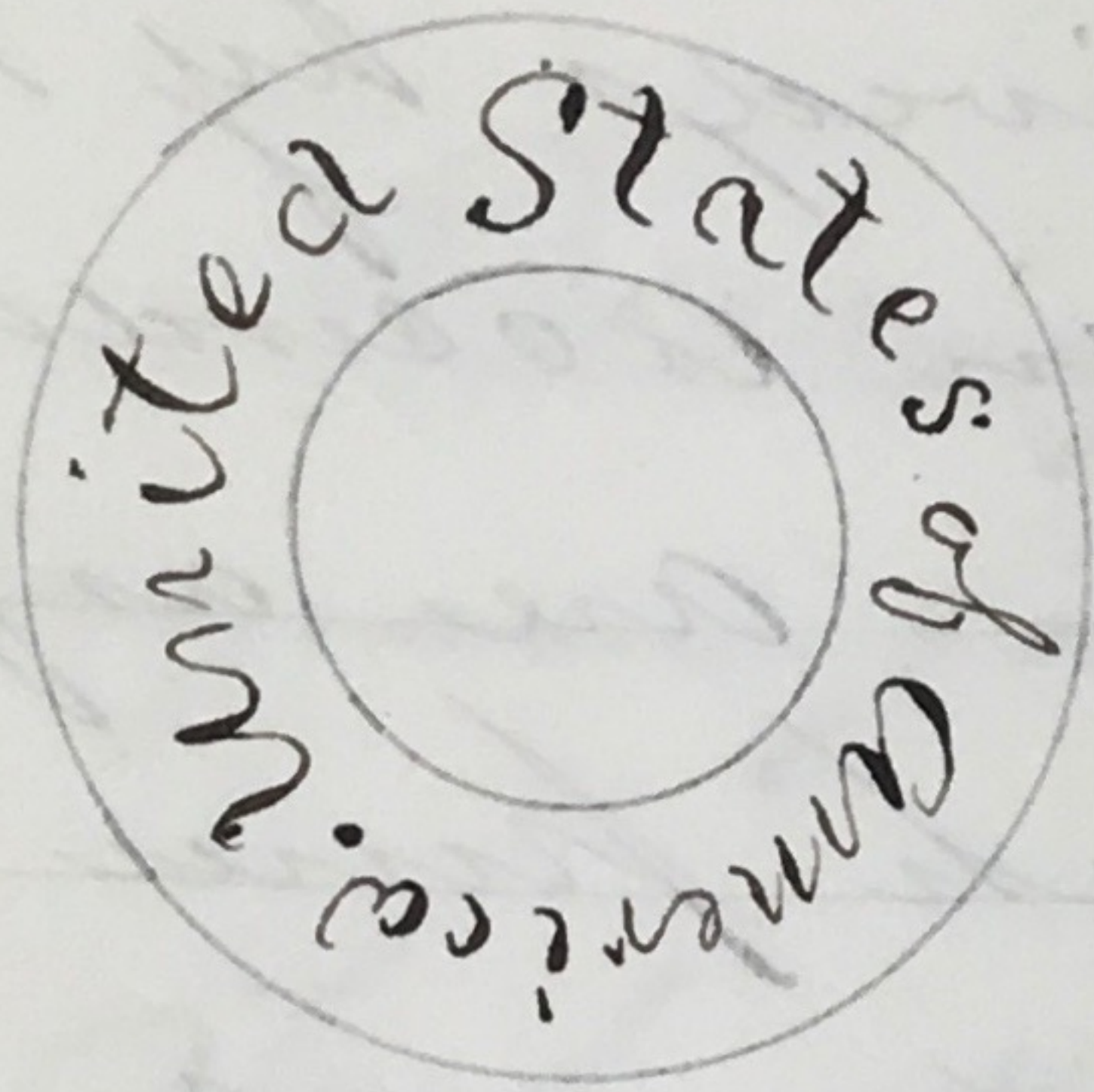
In compliance with the act of March 4, 1853, C. 97, I present herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Mint for the quarter ending June 30, 1858.

Statement of the expenditures of the Mint during the quarter ending June 30, 1858.

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,975.00
Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	26,038.26
Incidental & contingent expenses	11,859.62
Total	<u>\$44,872.88</u>

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James A. B. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Wm. Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City



New York July 5th 1858

Dear Sir

On seeing a notice in one of our New York Papers respecting the issue of a new one Cent Coin from the Mint for 1858. As a Citizen of the United States I feel it my duty to suggest a form of one which will in a great measure obviate the many objections to the one now in Circulation of 1857. which are as follows.

- 1st Being about the size of $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagle,
- 2^d " " " " " " the Dime,
- 3^d their liability to become discoloured,
- 4th the great difficulty of designating them in the night. Causing many mistakes to occur in making Change. at all times.

The advantages to be derived by the adoption of a Cent Coin, in accordance with the Annexed diagram are as follows.

1st it may be of much finer metal & not liable to become discoloured.

2^d By having a hole in the center can be easily designated from any other coin extant.

Trusting you will excuse the liberty taken as a stranger to you, and that the suggestions now offered may be of benefit to the people of the United States. I am with great respect

Yours Very Humble &
Obedt Servt

G. C. Barney

To Hon

James Buchanan

President of the

United States of America
Washington
D. C.

Description of the Annexed
Diagram for a new One Cent Coin

To be the exact size of the issue of
1857.

To be $\frac{1}{3}$ lbs in thickness

The hole in the Center to be one
third of the whole weight taken out
leaving only a rim of sufficient width
for the letters of the size "One Cent" now
on the new Coin of '57

The Metal or Material to be of a
good quality that will not discolour

G. C. B.

Enclosed to Director
of the mint by
Treasury Department.

B 35 July 21/58
Treasury Mint

From

Geo. C. Barney

New York

Addressed to James Buchanan
President of the U. States

Design for new
cent coin

July 22, 1858. —

hand to Director

Atlanta July 2 1858
Pres. U. S. Mint

Sir

On the 25th Inst Mr
Smith Lemon of Acworth. Sent 36 $\frac{1}{2}$
oz Gold dust by Adams Express to
the mint directing it to be held subject
to our order. Will you please
inform us what it is worth so as
to enable us to draw for the same
And much Obliged yours

Joseph Winship & Son

Mr Patterson will please
furnish the information as Recd above

H. R. L.

Deposited by C. C. Thompson June 30th no 56

Forwarded July 3rd to J. Winship & Sons Atlanta Ga
amt \$617.29
Thompson

From

Joseph Winslow & Sons
Atlanta
July 2 1858

Romney Va July 3rd 1858

Chief of U S Mint
Phila

Dear Sir.

A merchant of our village will have in a short time about 200 ounces of Mexican ^{Spanish} Quarters, eighths & sixteenths silver coin. He wishes to know what can be done with it at your office. Is unwilling to exchange it for the new cent. What for it upon its former value will it produce if it were recoined, after paying expenses ^{& loss} of the process? I presume you have recoined it heretofore & can ~~tell~~ answer from experience. Your answers to these interrogatories will oblige

Yours most Respectfully
Wm Vance

Cash of Br Bank of Valley at Romney

Answered by sending
Circular. — July 7, 1858. —

From To

Wm A. Vance

Romney

or

Purchase of
Silver at the mint

July 7. 1888

Answer by Sending
Circular

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 2. 1858.

Sir

As per receipt and invoice N^o
208 enclosed, I have this day transmitted
by the Adams Express Company, two boxes,
containing five gold bars, for Carriage;
the net value of which is \$121,520.49 and
I will thank you to remit in payment, double
eagles.

P Sturgis Esq

Very Respectfully

Assay Office
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Esq

Treasurer

From

J J Cisco New York
July 22 1858

No. 208

Received from the TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES

ASSAY OFFICE, NEW YORK,

Two boxes, containing

Gold

Bullion, of the net value of (\$ 121,520.49)

One hundred & twenty one thousand

five hundred & twenty — $\frac{49}{100}$ Dollars,

which we agree to insure against all risks, and deliver to the TREASURER OF
THE UNITED STATES MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

New York, July 2 1858.

For the ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

J. A. Babcock

ORIGINAL.

Philadelphia July 1st 1858.

W. S. Mount }
for Treasury Sep } for Silver 2.
1858

J. S. Hammond Dr

Jan.	18	3 gro 3 ¹ / ₂ Secus. li ^e	228.	684
Feb.	9	12 H 3 nails 72	440.	512
June.	8.	12 H 3 ¹ / ₂ nails		
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Geo H. Ellsworth
th. LK

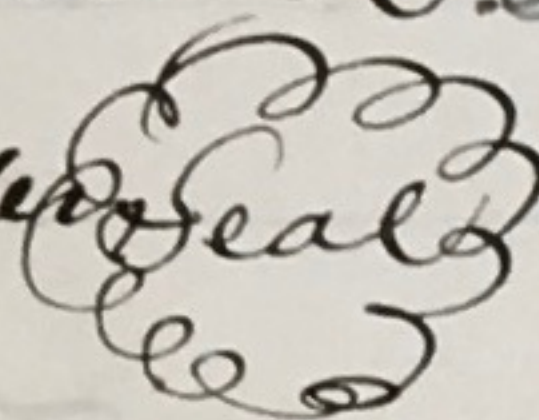
July 20/58
Rec. Pay. in full.

J. S. Hammond

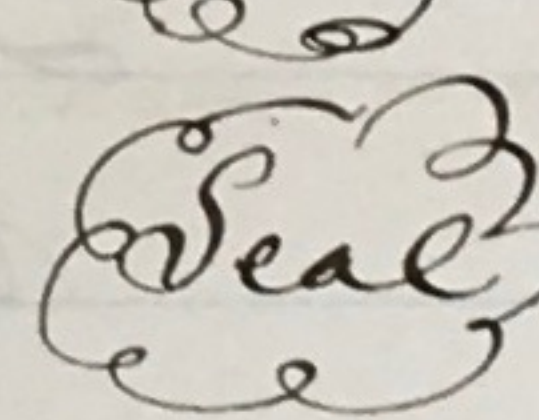
This agreement made this ^{9th} 15th day of July,
A.D. ¹⁸⁶⁰ 1858, between the Mint of the United States by
James Ross Snowden, Director thereof, and John S.
Ward of the City of Philadelphia, Witnesseth:
That it is hereby agreed by and between the
parties hereto that the said John S. Ward shall
and will furnish and supply to the Mint
of the United States in such quantities and
at such times as he may be required so to do,
between the 1st day of July instant ⁽¹⁸⁶⁰⁾ (1858) and
the 30th day of June next ⁽¹⁸⁶¹⁾ (1859) the quantity of
Hickory and Pine Wood, of the best quality
required by the said Institution; said wood
to be subject to the inspection and approval of
the said Director and to be left at the Mint
between the hours of eight and nine o'clock
in the morning free from all carting or other
charges, at the rate or price of Seven dollars
^{and a half} per cord for the Hickory and Five ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars
for the Pine Wood; the bills for which shall become
due and payable monthly by the said Mint
of the United States: and for all and every
failure in the quality of said woods, de-
ductions shall be made at the rate above
fixed, and each and every cord left
otherwise than in accordance with
the regulations above agreed to, shall be
subject to refusal and return: and should

the supply of the said wood prove unsatisfactory as to manner or time of delivery or in quality, the said Director reserves the right to determine the forfeiture of this contract.

And further the said John D Ward hereby agrees to have and carry away from the mill building the ashes therein accumulated within the period above fixed at the rate of ~~twenty~~ five cents for every load so by him removed. Witness our hands and seals the day and year above written.

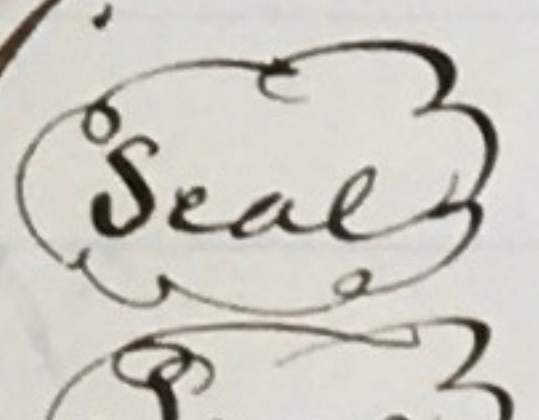
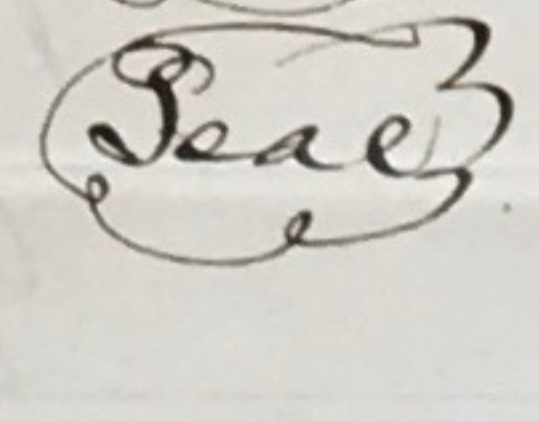
Samuel Pop Howard 

Witness at Signing }
H. R. Linderman }

John D Ward 

The above and foregoing contract, it is agreed, shall be continued for one year from the 1st day of July last, upon the terms and stipulations set forth in the contract. August 30. 1859.

Witness at Signing }
}

John D Ward 


Contract
John D. Ward
for supplying
the Mint. with
Hood.

July 1. 1838 to June 30.
1839



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